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... when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ~Acts 8:12

Emmanuel Gubika Interview

With Joe Martin

Last summer, Joe Martin sat down with Emmanuel Gubika, a Church of God pastor in Uganda who has been building a growing work there, teaching the name of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.

June 23, 2018

Joe: Tell me how you came to understand the Bible truths.

Emmanuel: I've been doing my personal study for the past ten years. I started after my graduation when I went back to considering God is where? to Adam in the garden of Eden.

From there I went about studying about death. And when I found out that death is a state of unconsciousness, it helped me to go back to analyzing heaven, and who goes there and when. So, it helped me to come up with a better understanding of heaven and hell.

Finally, after something like six years, I was having almost a complete statement of faith, until of recent when I completed it by summarizing it up. The devil must be real, and hell has to be real. It doesn't exist now, but it will. It will be started when Jesus comes back.

So, I'm going to three places preaching the same ideas on the streets of Jinja town, and I feel I need



Joe Martin and Emmanuel Gubika

more support from the people of like faith who may discuss the work in Uganda.

Joe: How did you come to one God? And how would you explain to someone your understanding of the one God, and Jesus as the son of God?

Emmanuel: One God knowledge... I started by considering first all of the promises. After understanding the promises of Abraham, I went to the promises of David. And I found out that the

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Emmanuel Gubika Interview



Lord's Harvest
INTERNATIONAL

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same ones that God had told David were the same ones that were told by the angel to Mary. So, I saw that God was not competing with Jesus, but instead he was a God who had planned everything from the beginning, and so he was fulfilling this.

Then I moved on to Jesus' own words where he was speaking repeatedly saying he's not God. Especially in Mark, where he says 'No man is good except God himself.' So, by understanding Jesus better as the son of God, I could see the differences. I saw Jesus eating, crying, dying, being born. I came up with a list of differences, and I knew there must be God.

And then I studied the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is like the sun and sunshine. We don't see the sunshine and say this is the second sun. So, I came to realize the Holy Spirit was the power of God, Jesus was the son of God, and God himself must exist and does exist separately from the two. There are only two personalities; God himself and Jesus. The Holy Spirit is not a person.

Joe: How is your understanding of the kingdom of God?

Emmanuel: The kingdom of God – I went back to why the prophecies, mostly the books of the prophets, that say 'thus God, the king of Israel.' So this took me back to how the children of Israel were moving from Egypt to Canaan. When they came to Mt. Sinai, before they entered the covenant with God when he was to give them the ten commandments, he had words that he said. 'If you agree to my words, you will become a kingdom, and a holy nation, a royal priesthood.' And all the people said in one voice, 'yes, we do!?' And then from there he became their God.

He (God) continues. After they had gone the 40 years and came to the promised land, now the people are asking Samuel for a king. When Samuel

prays, he asks God about it. God tells him 'they have not refused you to be a king over them, but they have refused me that I should not be a king over them.'

So, a kingdom of God existed in the past. It is the same kingdom that God ends in Zedekiah's time in Ezekiel 21. "Overthrown, overthrown, overthrown it shall be until he comes who is holy in righteousness." And this goes back to Jesus. Jesus has been born. The promise for his birth is saying God will give him the throne of his father David, and that goes back to the fulfillment of the promise.

And even after his resurrection, the disciples who were with him knew, and they came back to ask him in Acts 1:6, 'Is it at this time that you will now restore the kingdom back to Israel?? So, this convinces me, the kingdom of God is physical, it must have a territory, it must have a king, and the king is Jesus himself. The territory is the whole earth, and then the subjects are we. That's how I understand the kingdom.

Joe: Very Good? Thank you. Emmanuel Gubika from Jinja, Uganda.

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What is AmazonSmile?

It is a simple and automatic way for you to support the General Conference every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.



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Good News Page (GNP) from COG-land

From the **Troy View Church in Troy, OH** – Congratulations go out to Jeffery Grote Jr. for winning one of two outstanding student awards for his school. The awards are given given by the Optimist Club to students who display great academic achievement and great character. The entire church is so proud of you, Jeffery!

From the **Bethel Church of God in Pelzer, SC** – During the Christmas holidays, Bethel participated in Williamston's "Deck the Halls" event, receiving the "Best Organization Award" for their Christmas tree. A coat drive was held to benefit the Dream Center with 100 coats, 22 blankets, 14 pairs of jeans, as well as socks, gloves, hats and scarves being donated. [Super job! – GNP] The children did a wonderful job with their Christmas program entitled "The Colors of Christmas and Christmas Traditions." The youth held a fundraiser bake sale, raising \$420. [Great job there, too! – GNP]

From the **Lawrenceville Church of God in Springfield, OH** – Thanks to all who contributed to the Super Bowl of Caring project. The event raised \$428.32. A pancake and sausage breakfast was held at the Clinton food pantry, with the remaining money donated to the food pantry. **Pastor Alan Cain** thanks all who made Night to Shine such a success. "I want you to know how impressed I am with this congregation for their generosity and willingness to put in the hard work to make a difference in so many lives and in so many ways."

From **House Light Ministries in St. Cloud, MN** – **Trenda Holmberg** completed her studies in occupational therapy at the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, earning a doctor of physical therapy degree. **Samuel Moore** graduated from home school in May and is attending North Dakota State University on a football scholarship. **Victoria Moore** has been accepted into North Dakota State College of Science nursing program.

From the **St. Cloud Church of God in St. Cloud, MN** – The church organized and hosted a conference in November for Minnesota Church of God women on the topic of Joyful Living. Sessions included topics such as true happiness, true beauty, true honor, and true joy.

From the **Birthday and Anniversary Department** – **Ruth Fletcher** (Bethel Church of God) celebrated her 83rd birthday on December 26; **David and Judy Sloan** (Bethel COG) celebrated 54 years of marriage on January 26; **Al Kastner** (Oregon Church in Oregon, IL) had a 90th birthday celebration on March 17th.

From the **GNP desk** – Remember to send in the names of your milestone anniversary or birthday people. We want to celebrate the milestones along with them, and we want everyone in COG-Land to know about it. [PLEASE help us out! – GNP]

Hey, there COGLand! GNP wants to hear what YOUR good news is! We know there's good news everywhere, so send us e-mails, bulletins, phone calls, etc. to tell us your good news. PLEASE SEND GOOD NEWS? to rjones@atlabiblecollege.com and we'll put you in print!

~Robert L. Jones
RH

Atlanta Bible College Honors Fall Semester 2018

In order to be on the President's and Dean's lists, a student must be a full-time student enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classes. The grading system is based on a 4.0 scale. Congratulations to the following students from campuses in McDonough, GA and Johns Creek, GA for their academic accomplishments during the fall 2018 semester.

President's List (3.5 and above)

Isaac Cain
Soon Ho Jeong
Sumi Kim
Hendrix Mumba
Nairobi Otis
Emilee Ross
Daniel Wall

Dean's List (3.00 to 3.49)

Junho An
Miyeon Cho
Okran Choi
Ji Wood Hong
Akhung Jung
Boyoung Kang
Eun Jin Lee
Joo Hee Lee
Chase Murray
Hye Jung Na
Sookyung Park
Eun Kyung Seo
Sun Hwa Shin
Myeong Joo Song
Nangah Won

The Sparrow's Home

By Susan Landry

Why do you think we don't connect with people as much as we used to? Do you blame technology? Distance? Whatever the reason, it seems to me that not only have we bought into the lie that we have to do it all on our own, but it's gotten increasingly harder to be real with each other. We feel the pressure to have it all together since everyone else seems to.

I would love to invite you to stop by [The Sparrow's Home](#). It's a website where flawed individuals are welcome, grace abounds, and the goal is to grow together. You see, I'm convinced that we don't have to do it all on our own. Young women, wives, mothers... it's a place for all of us. *(Guys, you're definitely welcome too, but I write for the ladies.)*

At The Sparrow's Home, we talk about all things home? family, parenting, marriage, faith, recipes, and even homeschooling. Our motto is? Life is hard. God is good. We need each other.

We've been around and growing for a few years now, and I would really love for you to visit the site. You can sign up to receive emails from us that let you know when new posts are shared. You'll find us at [thesparrowshome.com](#).

LIFE IS HARD
GOD IS GOOD
We need each other.



We're also all over social media @thesparrowshome – Look us up and join the conversation!

I learned as a teacher, that most times, the ideas that worked the best in my classroom were not things that I came up with on my own. They were gleaned from other sources. Same thing in parenting. We've gotten some of the best parenting ideas from watching and talking to other moms and dads. It's my goal that The Sparrow's Home would be a resource for you to glean from, and a place for you to share your years of wisdom and insights with others.

Ideas and encouragement, friends, that's what it's all about.

Please stop by!

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About Susan...

I've always felt a fondness for F. Scott Fitzgerald who, although from Minnesota, had an affinity for all things southern. I moved south for college and was immediately, like Fitzgerald, taken in by the "languid paradise of dreamy skies and firefly evenings." (Ok, seriously... it may not have been quite so idyllic. But I do miss it). Back now, in Minnesota I've fallen in love again with the lakes and woods and the wonder of a white Christmas.



I spent almost ten years in Georgia. During that time I fulfilled my lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. In 1999, while we were expecting our first son, my husband looked at me and said, "We should move to Minnesota.? This from the Louisiana native who thrives in the heat. But, following the lead of the Lord, we moved, and (aside from once a year in the real thick of winter) we've never regretted it.

My family of four – two teenage sons, my husband Greg, and I – live a simple but happy life. We play more games than the average family, travel as much as we can, love a good analogy ... and we laugh. A lot.

My boys attended a local charter school until they were in 3rd and 5th grades. Although a great fit until then, we decided to homeschool, and have never looked back. Best decision we ever made.

I've taught most ages from pre-school through adult education and found delight in all of it. And when an interest in something takes hold of me, I'm all in.

RH

Converge Celebrating God Together

A New Event Bringing Together Biblical Unitarians August 2-4, 2019 Hiram College (Hiram, OH)

Our Inspiration

"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in me through their word; that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17:20-21)

CONVERGE was inspired by Jesus' prayer in John 17. The goal of CONVERGE is to bring together those who believe in Jesus and God his heavenly Father, so that we can share a time of rejoicing together in our like-faith.

We all come from different backgrounds, but we are inspired by the way that Jesus loved people and desired to minister and break bread together.

CONVERGE is a time to recognize agreement upon the one God as the central foundation of our faith together and to love each other as Jesus gave us an example to follow (John 13:34-35).

Celebrating God Together

CONVERGE isn't a conference, it's a celebration – a festival in honor of our God.

A united group of believers in the one God representing several distinct churches and ministries are working together to create an event for the summer of 2019. Belief in one God is affirming the Father as the one and only true God, and Jesus Christ as His son.

Our purpose is to bring together believers in one God for mutual encouragement and spiritual growth, for the opportunity to connect with other fellow believers of like faith, and to celebrate God and His Messiah in a festival atmosphere.

We have chosen the word "CONVERGE" as an event name because it means "to come together and unite in a common interest or focus."

CONVERGE isn't a church or ministry, but a time and place for one-God believers to meet together to worship Him! CONVERGE provides an avenue by which believers from all different groups of faith in the one God can come together alongside each other for a common purpose.

While each group has unique distinctions in various aspects of their faith, we hold a common faith in God and His son Jesus that is special and worth celebrating together!

We hope you will consider joining us for this exciting event as a small representation of how one day we will all celebrate God together in the kingdom.

Event Details

- Fellowship with like-faith believers from all over the world. Meet new people and visit with old friends.
- Multiple housing options affordable for every budget and group size. From air-conditioned townhouses to a tent camping.
- A full children's program with age-appropriate teachings and fun activities.
- Inspiring teachings from speakers from various ministries.
- Interesting workshops (various Bible-related topics, spiritual themes, crafts, and more) and dedicated devotional groups.
- Musicians from all over the country helping to lead worship and praise of God through song.
- Good food, exciting activities, and comfortable accommodations. Located in northeast Ohio, Hiram College is airport friendly and highway accessible.



Find event details at

ConvergeFest.com

August 2-4, 2019

**Hiram College
11715 Garfield Rd
Hiram, OH 44234**

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Memorials & Scholarships

2017-2018 Memorials

We are very thankful for all who helped support the work of Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference during the past year by giving gifts in memory of friends and loved ones.

Gifts were given in memory of the following:

- Laura M. Ashelford
- Rex Cain
- Donald Capes
- Joyce Knapp
- Harvey and Mary Krogh
- Emory Macy
- Bill Marsh
- Lucien and Thelma Murphy
- Patricia Piter
- Dusty Rohrer
- Martha Soltysiak
- Harold Waggoner
- Orville Westlund

- Martha Jones Mattison Memorial
- Mary Helen Mattison Memorial
- Michigan State Conference
- Mildred Schroeder Memorial
- Monroe Elton Memorial
- New Hope Church, Little Rock
- J. O. and Mary Lou Pack Memorial
- Orine Richardson Robinson Memorial
- Ritenour Trust Fund - In Memory of Eliza Boyer Ritenour, Virginia Ritenour Kincheloe, and Seraphine Ritenour Cleek
- Southwest Members in Memory of Norman McLeod, S. J. Lindsay, Harold J. Doan and C. E. Randall
- Stan Ross Memorial
- Treva Williams Memorial
- Troy View/Demmitt/Overholser
- Wenatchee, WA Church of God
- William G. and Nina G. Hicks Memorial
- William and Rhoda Hanson Memorial
- Zelma Weaver Memorial

2017-2018 Scholarships and Grants for Atlanta Bible College

Grants and scholarships provided assistance to Atlanta Bible College students during 2017 by the following individuals, churches, conferences, and groups and in memory of many individuals. Other individuals, churches, conferences, and groups provided assistance toward the reduced tuition program as well as providing assistance directly to students in addition to these scholarships and grants administered by the college.

- ABC/OBC Alumni Association
- Bob and Melody Ballard Memorial
- Burnham-Stadden Memorial
- Cecil Smead Memorial
- Delbert and Bernedene Jones Memorial
- Francis and Lila VanFleet Memorial
- Fulton Ramsey Memorial
- Glen and Violet Booth Memorial
- Harold J. Doan Memorial
- Harry and Emily Berry Memorial
- Harvey and Mary Krogh Memorial
- Hattie Bottolfs Memorial
- Helen Overholser Memorial
- Indiana Conference
- Iris Elton Memorial
- James A. Patrick Memorial
- Jean Elton Fortney Memorial
- John and Ruth Lewis Memorial
- Lawrenceville/Overholser
- Lois Blakely Memorial
- Lucian and Thelma Murphy Memorial



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Prophecy: Let's Make a Deal

by Wally Winner

Let's Make a Deal was a television game show with Monty Hall, who was the creator, serving as its host for many years.

As described in Wikipedia, "In the show a trader will be offered something of value and given a choice of whether to keep it or exchange it for a different item. The program's defining game mechanism is that the other item is hidden from the trader until that choice is made. The trader thus does not know if he or she is getting something of greater value or a prize that is referred to as a "zonk," an item purposely chosen to be of little or no value to the trader."

It provides you opportunity to guess where the best deal, or even "The Deal of Day," is hidden. Usually, you are much smarter than the contestants, but they never listen to you as you offer them advice from your living room.

Right now, and maybe to be announced soon, will be the "Deal of the Century". The contestants here are the nations of the Middle East.

Appearing in front of a congressional committee at the end of March, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was asked a simple question: When is the United States going to unveil the long-awaited Israel-Palestinian peace plan being crafted by the president's son-in-law Jared Kushner?

"I think we can say in less than 20 years," he said, laughing. "I prefer not to be more precise."

President Trump's belief that his administration could potentially find a way to solve the conflict — as he put it, with the "deal of the century" — dates back to before he took office. So does his idea that Kushner, who had no government or diplomatic experience, would be the best man for the job.

Kushner has been working on a peace plan since June of 2017. He has found the same difficulties that others before him found. Middle East peace negotiations have long been mired in the debates of the Oslo accords of a quarter-century ago. Some administrations just gave passing interest in some time of peace plan. The peace process was pretty much moribund following the collapse of a nine-month process led by the Obama administration in 2014.

Some reports suggest Kushner is using his real estate chops to add a land swap to the deal. At one



point, he proposed border changes, with Jordan giving land to the Palestinian territories, Jordan getting land from Saudi Arabia and the Saudis getting two Red Sea islands from Egypt.

The move of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the closure of a Palestinian political office in Washington and the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem that served the West Bank, and cuts to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and West Bank assistance funding had already complicated a deal. Add to this the most recent recognition of Israeli control over the Golan Heights.

Yet, with all of this, there is an expectation that some type of deal will be announced soon after the Israeli elections scheduled for early April.

The recent bombing of targets in Israel from Gaza with weapons and encouragement from Iran and the reprisal attacks might suggest something may be in the works. It may be an attempt for some political leverage besides the constant disdain for Israel.

Many prophecy students have written countless accounts on their understanding that a "peace plan" that assures Israel of security and safety would have to come before the Second Advent of the Messiah.

Some have seen it from Daniel's prophecy of the 70 weeks. "For one week this foreigner will make a firm agreement with many people, and halfway through this week, he will end all sacrifices and offerings. Then the "Horrible Thing" that causes destruction will be put there. And it will stay there until the time God has decided to destroy this one who destroys." Daniel 9:27 (CEV)

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Church News

Baptisms

Illinois

Oregon—Lance Lovblad (2/17/19) by Michael Hoffman

Minnesota

Hutchinson—Braden McColley (8/10/18) by Vivian Kirkpatrick

Weddings

South Carolina

Pelzer—Joshua Fletcher & Cayce Ballard (7/14/18) by Jeff Fletcher

Deaths

Arizona

Tempe—Don Overmyer, 96, (3/26/19) by Joe Martin, Joe Myers, Warren Sorrenson, Steve Taylor, and Randy Overmyer. Don was a long-time member and served on the board of directors.

Illinois

Oregon—Shirley Kastner, 87, (12/14/18) by Joe Myers. Shirley was a life-long member.

Michigan

Blanchard—Al Rogers, 88, (1/13/19) by Lynn Berry

Grand Rapids—Danford Richmond, 97, (3/10/19) Danford was a long-time member and a professional photographer who captured photos of many youth conferences and other conference events.

Minnesota

Brooklyn Park—Robert (Bob) Dale Bormes, 72, (3/20/19) by J.J. Fletcher. Bob was a long-time member.

Ohio

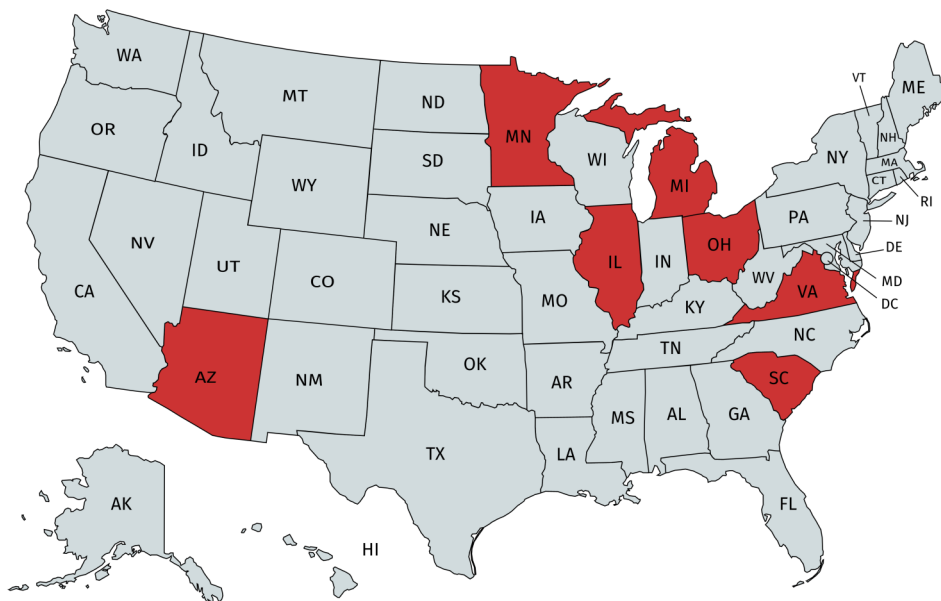
Springfield—Rachel Deane, 28, (3/3/19) by Larry Mayberry. Rachel was the daughter of pastor Scott Deane.

South Carolina

Pelzer—Bonnie Partain, 84, (3/22/19) by Michael Montgomery, Andy Cisneros, Ed Bender, Wally Winner, Jim Shaull, and Josh Smith. Bonnie was a long-time member.

Virginia

Front Royal—Braden Manuel, 94, (1/30/19) by Jon Welch.



States and provinces where these baptisms, weddings, and deaths took place

Prophecy: Let's Make a Deal

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Ezekiel, in his account of the Gog and Magog conflict, indicates an Israel at peace with security when an attack comes. "So keep your troops prepared to fight, because in a few years, I will command you to invade Israel, a country that was ruined by war. It was deserted for a long time, but its people have returned from the foreign nations where they once lived. The Israelites now live in peace in the mountains of their own land...When that day comes, I know that you will have an evil plan to take advantage of Israel, that weak and peaceful country where people live safely inside towns that have no walls or gates or locks...I, the LORD God, know that when you see my people Israel living in peace, you will lead your powerful cavalry from your kingdom in the north." (Ezekiel 38:7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15 CEV)



Paul seems to add to the peace concept in I Thessalonians. "I don't need to write you about the time or date when all this will happen. You surely know that the Lord's return will be as a thief coming at night. People will think they are safe and secure. But destruction will suddenly strike them like the pains of a woman about to give birth. And they won't escape." (1 Thess. 5:1-3 CEV).

Maybe we will be introduced to the "Deal of the Century" shortly. However, we are looking to the "Deal of the Ages," and it will bring Jesus riding His white charger to this earth to initiate an eternal peace. "His power will never end; peace will last forever. He will rule David's kingdom and make it grow strong. He will always rule with honesty and justice. The LORD All-Powerful will make certain that all of this is done." (Isaiah 9:7 CEV).

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Church Classifieds

Michigantown, IN—Pastor

Country Chapel Church of God located near Michigantown, IN, is seeking a pastor. We are a very small congregation and would like to secure a part-time minister. We could possibly share a pastor with another church.

We've always supported a full-time pastor. Although our small group of believers is currently struggling, we do hope to grow in the future. Our current full-time pastor retired April 1, 2018. Our prayer is that God will send us the right person to supply our needs.

Please contact Norm Huffer 765-249-2190 or Tom Glassburn 765-419-2606.

Bristow, OK—Pastor

Bristow Advent Christian Church is seeking a pastor. "The mission of the Bristow Advent Christian Church is to bring people into a personal relationship with God; through Jesus Christ and to disciple them by the spiritual application of biblical principles in daily living."

They have provided key documents if interested: job description, church mission statement, and Bristow, OK demographic information. These can be sent upon request.

Inquiries should be directed to either of the following:

Jack Smith is board chairman, 918-688-1891
Kristi VanOrsdol is secretary, 918-645-8461

Any questions or referrals should go to them.

Atlanta Bible College

Over March 13-15, the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors met in Grand Rapids, MI. On that Wednesday, Garden Park COG hosted a carry-in dinner and Q&A time with the board. All area Churches of God were invited. Over 50 people attended, with each of the Grand Rapids churches represented, and all the area pastors and MI State Conference leaders were present. It was a fruitful evening.

The board then met Thursday & Friday at North Kent Bible Church. They discussed future plans and opportunities as they relate to wider recruiting, online offerings, future staffing, and marketing. If you have interest in serving the General Conference/Atlanta Bible College as an administrator or instructor, you're invited to send a resume to seth@atlantabiblecollege.com.

A month of prayer items

- 1 Pray that God will direct every area of your life.
- 2 **Pray for Atlanta Bible College students as they engage in their spring semester studies.**
- 3 Pray for Pastor Rufus and Jerri Meyers and the Simple Teachings Bible Church in McDonough, GA.
- 4 **Pray for outreach work in Lima, Peru.**
- 5 Pray for Pastor Chris and Jennifer Seiders and their ministry at Fort Valley, VA.
- 6 **Praise God that we can be a part of the family of God.**
- 7 Pray for the outreach ministries of your church.
- 8 **Pray for retired Pastor Warren and Irene Sorenson.**
- 9 Pray for ABC instructors as they teach during the spring semester.
- 10 **Praise God for a recent answer to a prayer.**
- 11 Pray for Seth Ross, Executive Director of Church of God General Conference and President of ABC.
- 12 **Pray for ABC students living away from home.**
- 13 Pray for our youth in our churches.
- 14 **Praise God for Korean Churches of God in California.**
- 15 Praise God for financial and prayer supporters of the college/conference.
- 16 **Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Jesus as Savior.**
- 17 Pray for teachers in your local church.
- 18 **Pray for Pastor Jeff and Jeannie Ransom and the Pennellwood Church in Wyoming, MI.**
- 19 Praise God for the freedom to worship Him.
- 20 **Pray for the American and Korean congregations in the greater Nashville, TN area.**
- 21 Pray for your pastor and family.
- 22 **Praise God for the work of those preparing Christian education materials.**
- 23 Praise God for those who give of their time and talents in serving on conference advisory committees.
- 24 **Pray for your nation's leaders.**
- 25 Pray for God's blessings on ABC Korean Extension students and staff.
- 26 **Pray for an opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.**
- 27 Pray for opportunities to start new churches.
- 28 **Pray for Pastor Larry and Karen Mayberry and their retirement to South Carolina.**
- 29 Pray for the church in Magazine, AR.
- 30 **Praise God for the many students who are preparing for ministry at ABC.**
- 31 Pray for "shut-in" members who cannot meet regularly with other believers.

A month of prayer items

- 1 Pray for churches that are seeking pastors.
- 2 **Pray for the students at ABC and ABC Korean Extension to know God's leading in their lives and ministries.**
- 3 Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ.
- 4 **Praise God for your family and friends.**
- 5 Pray for Anthony and Barbara Buzzard and the Restoration Church of God in Fayetteville, GA.
- 6 **Pray for the members of your church family.**
- 7 Praise God for the direction He provides for your life.
- 8 **Pray for Pastor Alan and Susan Cain and the Lawrenceville, OH church.**
- 9 Pray for the brethren in the Philippines.
- 10 **Pray for God to show you how and where to serve.**
- 11 Pray for a special need in your life.
- 12 **Praise God for the opportunities He has provided for outreach in numerous foreign countries.**
- 13 Praise God for the board of directors and its leadership.
- 14 **Pray for the ministries of your local church.**
- 15 Pray for youth and youth ministries in the Church of God.
- 16 **Pray for the Restoration Church in Oklahoma City, OK.**
- 17 Pray that God will raise up donors for ABC's financial needs.
- 18 **Pray for the Ministers Association members (licensed ministers of the Church of God).**
- 19 Pray for our Ministerial Association Leadership Team.
- 20 **Pray for retired Pastor Richard K. Smith and his wife Dorothy Jean.**
- 21 Pray for Pastor Jack and Paige Kmiecik and their ministry at Cornerstone Bible Church in McDonough, GA.
- 22 **Pray for someone you know who is in need of healing (physical, emotional, or spiritual).**
- 23 Pray for the staff at the college/conference.
- 24 **Pray for the students who attend scheduled retreats.**
- 25 Pray that Jesus will return to earth soon.
- 26 **Praise God for the ministry taking place in the African Churches of God connected to the General Conference.**
- 27 Pray for the next generation to follow God.
- 28 **Pray for our pastors in Africa.**

A month of prayer items

- 1 Pray for a spirit of unity in the bond of peace.
- 2 **Pray for Pastor Tom and Debbie New and the work at McGintytown, AR.**
- 3 Praise God for the blessings people receive from the annual Prophecy Conference held in Arkansas each spring.
- 4 **Pray that God will raise up missionary candidates.**
- 5 Pray for the advance planning and preparation for Christian Workers Seminar 2020.
- 6 **Pray for Denise Cramer, Operations Manager.**
- 7 Pray for those considering attending Atlanta Bible College in the future.
- 8 **Pray for strength to overcome temptation and for power in the battle against sin in the world.**
- 9 Pray for Seth Ross, Executive Director/President.
- 10 **Praise God for a new day.**
- 11 Pray for Pastor Daniel and Sarah Calcagno and the Glad Tidings Church, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada.
- 12 **Praise God for those who have provided spiritual instruction for you.**
- 13 Pray for Pastor Wally and Peggy Winner and the work at Joy Fellowship and Bethel Church in South Carolina.
- 14 **Praise God for all who have dedicated their lives to ministry.**
- 15 Pray that God would give vision to those serving on the board of directors as they guide the General Conference.
- 16 **Pray for God's blessing on ABC students and staff.**
- 17 Pray for the contacts with churches and Bible colleges in South Korea.
- 18 **Pray for an opportunity to share God's love with someone.**
- 19 Pray for Pastor Robin Todd and the Wenatchee, WA congregation.
- 20 **Pray for students and staff of ABCKE (Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension).**
- 21 Pray for those who are searching God's Word for answers to life's problems.
- 22 **Pray for God's blessing on your family.**
- 23 Pray for the leaders of your government.
- 24 **Praise God for your pastor's commitment to ministry.**
- 25 Praise God for those who provide prayer and financial support for the college/conference ministries.
- 26 **Pray for the church work in Malawi and Mozambique.**
- 27 Pray for the ministry of your church elders.
- 28 **Praise God for Robin Taylor who runs the office at Atlanta Bible College and the Church of God General Conference.**
- 29 Pray for those attending the Theological Conference to be held each spring.
- 30 **Praise God for new attendees at your local congregation.**
- 31 Pray for the ministry of Lupe Badillo in Mexico.

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tpym.com

Lord's Harvest International
lhicog.com

Abrahamic Faith Resources
abrahamicfaith.org

ABC Korean Extension
abcke.weebly.com

OTHER SITES TO EXPLORE

scatteredbrethren.org (Robin Todd)
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... when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ~Acts 8:12

What is Converge? Why It Matters

By Seth Ross



Converge is an historic event which may not be repeated. It will likely be the largest gathering of Biblical Unitarians in the 21st century, and you have the opportunity to be part of it. This summer, the weekend after General Conference, Biblical Unitarians from multiple one-God organizations around the country will converge on the campus of Hiram College in Hiram, OH for one weekend.

Of course, each of these groups, while agreeing on Christology, have many different views on other Biblical topics. In fact, there are some strong disagreements that prevent some of these ministries from working together on a daily basis. But that doesn't prevent us from encouraging each other to stand strong in the face of orthodoxy that pushes trinitarian theology as the only viable viewpoint. That simple, biblical Christology is one of the central beliefs that tie together the Churches of God. It's the central tenet that brings people to our annual Theological Conference. It's a unique characteristic that sets apart Atlanta Bible College and our affiliate campuses from all other Christian colleges in the world, and it's one of the main things that will get you an invitation to leave many other churches.

As the event website says, the *"purpose is to bring together believers in one God for mutual encouragement and spiritual growth, for the opportunity to connect with other fellow believers of like faith, and to celebrate God and His Messiah in a festival atmosphere."* For one weekend, multiple one-God (Biblical Unitarian) groups are coming together to celebrate a shared Christology more than fight about doctrinal differences. We're planning for 400 people to attend.

What can you expect?

Converge hopes to create a festival atmosphere. There will be general sessions, breakout workshops, outdoor fun activities, a children's program, and an exhibit hall where ministries will have booths to share what they're doing around the world.

Speakers

There are seven speakers scheduled for the general sessions. Of the seven speakers, three are licensed ministers of the Church of God, or a pastor of a Church of God. A fourth speaker graduated from Atlanta Bible College and now pastors an independent congregation. Another has taught at Christian Workers Seminar. Find out more on the speaker page of the website.

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Exhibit Hall

The exhibit hall will be a place each group's ministries can have a booth highlighting their work. We plan to have an Atlanta Bible College booth and an LHI (mission) booth that will highlight our mission fields. Turning Point Youth Ministries (TPYM) and the Minister's Association were also invited to have booths.

Why should you go?

- To celebrate the truth that God is One and Jesus is the human Son of God and our Savior.
- To meet others who believe similarly to you.
- To be a positive influence on those who may disagree. Discuss differences in love. Make an impact.
- To represent the Church of God. Show up in numbers, be an example of love, stand for truth.
- To honor God.
- To be part of something bigger. It can be humbling to realize God is perfectly able to work in the hearts and minds of others without your help. See what he's done. Maybe fill in the gaps.

The Church of God has been around a long time and weathered many storms. The Church of God has seen good times and been through stressful times. The Church of God has withstood the test of time, and I believe can be a shining light for truth and love. You are the Church of God, and you can help lead the way.

Find event details at

ConvergeFest.com

August 2-4, 2019

Hiram College
11715 Garfield Rd
Hiram, OH 44234

Church News

Baptisms

Arizona

Tempe—Steven & Tiffany Baranowski (4/14/19) by Steve Taylor

Minnesota

Brooklyn Park— Bradley Johnson (5/26/19) by J.J. Fletcher

South Carolina

Pelzer—Renee Harp and Richard Wood (1/20/19) by Wally Winner

Deaths

Arizona

Tempe—Doug Todd, 89, (5/24/19). Doug was a long-time member, state legislator, treasurer of Maricopa County, and LHI team member to Peru in 2011.

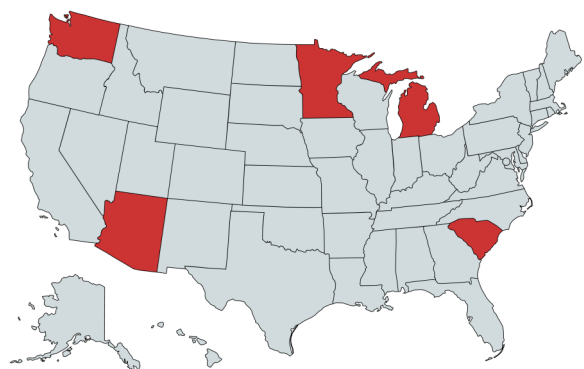
Tempe—Martha(Marti) Burnett Mikl, 76, (3/22/19) Daughter of Francis and Iris Burnett, attended Oregon Bible College 1960-61 and member of OBC Gospelettes trio.

Michigan

Blanchard—Lois Smith, 86, (4/22/19) by Larry Mayberry. Her husband, Bob Smith, served on the Board of Directors 1974-1977.

Washington

Waterville—Sharon Rankin, 75, (5/15/19) She was a long-time member & wife of 1964 OBC graduate, Arlen Rankin



States and provinces where these baptisms, and deaths took place

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Good News Page (GNP) from COG-land

From the **Oregon Church of God in Oregon, IL** - The church is celebrating the talents of some of its members. **Marsha Behrens** had art work on display in the Eagle's Nest Art Show from late April through early May. **Dylan Stormont** appeared in a production of "Cheaper by the Dozen" at the Pinecrest Grove Theater, last performance being May 5. And, by the way, **Mary Cheatwood** was one of the directors of that production.

From the **Ripley Church of God in Mount Sterling, IL** - The church is so thankful to have talented and willing people to share sermons (such as **Rob Laning** and **Peggy Jo Dyer**) and special music (**David Dyer** and **Julie**).

From the **Bethel Church of God in Pelzer, SC** - Congratulations go out to **Peyton Winner** and her cheer team on their 3A state championship. More congratulations to Peyton for being named first runner-up in the senior class pageant. The church is proud to announce they have a highly skilled bowling family - the Sisk family. **Allison and Jason Sisk** are to be congratulated for their first place team in league competition, as well as first place in doubles and most improved. Allison received first place for singles and Jason had a highest game of 212. All in all, they received four trophies and five plaques. **Nathan and Samantha** earned fourth place in doubles at the state tournament, and Nathan was seventh all-around. [Congratulations indeed! - GNP]

From the **Lakeshore Bible Church in Tempe, AZ** - **Pastor Steve Taylor** and many members celebrated a beautiful sunny day by arriving as early as 6 AM to set up tents and tables for a rummage sale for African missions. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk with neighborhood folks as well as hand out some Bibles and literature. Pastor Steve manned a prayer booth, praying frequently with several people throughout the day. **Dr. Joe and Rebekah Martin** brought African artifacts for display and sale, and they answered many questions about their work in Africa. Information from about thirty families was collected for future follow-up. Thanks go out to so many who worked so hard for this event, including **Velma Graham** who organized it, and **Margie Murrell** who provided the expertise as a former thrift shop owner. Through all of the hard work, the church raised \$2,000 for Africa missions. [Great job! - GNP]

Congratulations to Our COG Graduates - **Austin Impson** (Central Carolina Technical College and Bethel COG); **Peyton Winner** and **Samantha Wood** (high school and Bethel COG); **Conner Young** (high school and Oregon COG); and **Savannah**

Thompson (high school and Troy View Church of God in Troy, OH). [GNP is certain there are more graduates out there, so let us know so we can celebrate with you.]

From the **Birthday and Anniversary Department** - **Willman Gentry** turned 87 on March 24 (Bethel COG); **Jim and Judy Turner** celebrated 55 years of marriage on April 28 and **Jerry and Sonja Smith** celebrated the big five-oh (50) years on May 7 (both couples from Bethel COG). [Congratulations to all, and GNP hopes you celebrated in a big way.]

From the GNP desk - Remember to send in the names of your milestone anniversary or birthday people. We want to celebrate the milestones along with them, and we want everyone in COG-Land to know about it. [PLEASE help us out! - GNP]

Hey, there COGLand! GNP wants to hear what YOUR good news is! We know there's good news everywhere, so send us e-mails, bulletins, phone calls, etc. to tell us your good news.

PLEASE SEND YOUR GOOD NEWS to rjones@atlantabiblecollege.com, and we'll put you in print!

Robert L. Jones

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Church of God 15th Heritage Conference

**Guthrie Grove Church of God
Pelzer, SC
July 23 and 24, 2019**

Tuesday July 23

1:00 Registration with snack bar and coffee
2:00 Welcome and Announcements - David Krogh
2:15 Jan Stilson
Quilt and Three Josephs and a William
3:15 Greg Demmitt
Alexander Campbell and Joseph Smith: 19th
Century Restorationists
4:15 David Krogh
History of Youth Work (1969–2018): Part 3
5:30 Supper
6:30 Sean Finnegan - Keynote Speaker
Did Christians Believe in the Trinity Before
325 A.D.?

After evening session: Bedtime Snacks

Wednesday July 24

8:30 Coffee
9:00 Welcome by Jan Stilson
9:15 Wally Winner
The Foundations of Pelzer, Enoch Anderson
and J.H. Anderson
10:00 Tour of COG Cemetery at Pelzer and
Bethel (rain or shine) Wally Winner
11:00 Arlen Rankin paper delivered by Ed Bender
The Influence of the Old Union Church
12:00 Lunch
12:45 History Committee: Objectives for 2020
1:00 Samuel Lerner (Video)
The Life and Ministry of the Rev. James
Freeman
Followed by remarks by Joy and Andrea
Anders (descendants of Freeman)
2:30 John Smead
The Historic Perspective of the 20th General
Conference: Rex Cain photos
3:30 Sean Finnegan
16th Century Biblical Unitarian Trailblazers
5:00 Barbeque



Please Note

- We are already thinking ahead to the 100th General Conference (in 2020) including a drawing for the 100th Anniversary Church of God Heritage Quilt, made by several COG women around the nation!
- Registration is necessary to judge the amount of food to cook. Please register in any of these ways:
 - Online at www.coggc.org with your General Conference registration
 - call ABC at 678-833-1839
 - email dkrogh@atlantabiblecollege.com
- \$30 per person are needed for food costs. This can easily be added to your General Conference registration. To help us plan meals, please register by July 15.

**Thank you to the Guthrie Grove Church of God
for hosting our Heritage Conference**

Hotels are available
(see information in Herald/Journal for lodging for
General Conference or online at www.coggc.org)

Heritage Committee Members

John Smead
David Krogh
Jan Stilson
Michal Burnett
Greg Demmitt
Arlen Rankin
Kegan Chandler

99th Annual Church of God General Conference

Guthrie Grove Church of God
Pelzer, SC | July 24-26, 2019

Truth Prevails

Wednesday – July 24

4:00 Conference Registration
5:00 Welcome Cook Out
7:00 Worship Service
8:30 Welcome Reception

Thursday – July 25

Breakfast on your own

9:00 Chapel
10:00 Break
10:30 Workshops

The Truth About the Bible

1. Jesus & God
2. The Second Coming
3. Baptism
4. Death & Resurrection
5. Authority of Scripture

12:00 Lunch
1:30 Chapel
2:15 Workshops

The Truth About the Church

1. Conflict
2. Leadership Development
3. Congregational or Elder Leadership
4. Moral Purity
5. Legal Issues

3:30 Break
4:00 Business Session (ends at 5:15)
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Worship Service

Friday – July 26

Breakfast on your own

9:00 Chapel
10:00 Break
10:30 Workshops

The Truth About Ministry

1. Discipleship
2. Evangelism
3. Worship
4. Service
5. Fellowship
6. Ministers Association meeting

12:00 Lunch
1:30 Chapel
2:15 Workshops

The Truth About Relationships

1. Single Parents
2. Children
3. Married Couples
4. Elderly
5. College Students
6. ABC/OBC Alumni & MVRA meetings

3:30 Break
4:00 Business Session (ends at 5:15)
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Worship Service

*"Seek the truth, hear the truth, learn the truth, love the truth, speak the truth,
hold the truth and defend the truth until death."*

~Jan Hus (aka. John Huss)

Register at

www.coggc.org

Proposed Program: Ministry Outreach League

The Board of Directors is proposing the following program to be adopted by the delegates. It is designed as a complementary program to the Church Builders League which was originally established by the delegates to assist churches with funding physical buildings. The Ministry Outreach League endeavors to assist churches with funding ministry.

I. Purpose of Organization

This League is established for the purpose of providing financial assistance, consultation, and training, where needed, to churches in the United States and Canada which are unable to support a full-time ministry, and also to those churches which are unable to financially expand their staff and ministry (including internships) to utilize their growth potential. It is the intention that the recipient church grow and become self-supporting.

II. Organization

Groups requesting assistance must have a clearly defined purpose and plan for the growth and development of the work. Where necessary, the congregation must be incorporated. The group must be a participating member of the Church of God General Conference.

III. Leadership

The leadership should be made up of spiritual individuals who: are committed to the Statement of Faith listed in the bylaws of the Church of God General Conference (Headquarters at McDonough, GA) Article I, Section 2; are spiritually mature; have a vision for the growth and expansion of the church; and agree in purpose and in spirit with the Church of God General Conference.

IV. Use of Funds

Ministry Outreach Assistance will be used primarily for any of the following projects:

1. To assist churches that are unable to support a full-time ministry and have a plan and desire to do so.
2. To assist those churches which are unable to financially expand their staff and ministry to utilize their growth potential.
3. To assist those churches that have the staff and environment to participate in ABC/COGGC Internship programs but need financial assistance to do so.

In the event that no group request is approved for Ministry Outreach League Assistance, the appeal may be issued on behalf of the ABC/COGGC Scholarship Fund to assist those students studying to enter the COG pastoral ministry.

V. Appeals for Ministry Outreach

The location of the recipient church/group should be one where there is potential for growth and expansion of the community. Any changes taking place in the area should reflect trends which indicate a positive future for the church.

The Ministry Outreach Fund is restricted to churches and church plants in the United States and Canada. Foreign missions would not be eligible to participate as they have their own funding mechanism through LHI.

Donations will be held in a restricted fund and paid out on an appeal basis. A minimum of two appeal requests will be sent out each year for the purpose of informing donors of the current appeal requests and to assist in funding the account. Requests for financial assistance will be granted based on available funds in the account.

Financial assistance may be requested and will be granted based on a three-tier system:

1. \$12,000 over a 4-year period. \$400 per month and this will decline by \$100 per year.
2. \$7200 over a 2-year period. \$400 per month the first year and \$200 per month the second year.
3. A one-time grant of either \$5000, \$10,000 or an amount determined by the COGGC Board of Directors.

All applications for Ministry Outreach League Assistance will be reviewed and appeals will be issued by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The Board of Directors shall have the right to grant the tier requested or a different tier that they feel is better suited based on

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the application and consultation with the requesting church/group. A thorough investigation will be made, and each application considered on its own merits. Assistance will be granted to churches on the basis of need and growth potential.

The progress of each church/group will be reviewed, at a minimum, annually and continuation of aid will be contingent upon the progress of the church/group.

The General Conference will be available to assist the church with consultation and on-site assistance as deemed necessary. The recipient church is expected to cooperate with the General Conference.

The number of churches eligible will be determined by the Ministry Outreach Aid fund balance for this financial assistance, with provision made for additional churches, which have a significant opportunity and growth potential, as funds are available. All other conditions being equal, financial assistance will be granted to churches in the order in which applications are received.

VI. Conditions to be Considered in Granting Ministry Outreach Financial Assistance:

1. The pastor must be a licensed minister, recognized by the Church of God General Conference, who will develop the church he serves to be an active, participating member church in the Church of God General Conference. He shall have demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and unity and a quality of leadership which includes the growth and development of the local church. The same would apply to a church plant/start-up with the understanding that the lay leadership may not be licensed by the COGGC, but would work toward that end as understood by mutual agreement with the COGGC.
2. The congregation should demonstrate an active zeal for growth by consistent community outreach. The church and the pastor must have and implement programs of evangelism.
3. The spiritual conditions of the congregation shall be such that growth can be expected. A history of internal difficulties is an indication of a lack of spirituality and may be a growth restricting obstacle.

4. The pastor will be expected to give, or have a plan to give, nearly full-time to the ministry of the development of the local church and programs of evangelism.
5. The membership of the church receiving Ministry Outreach assistance would be expected to support the pastor, to cooperate with the outreach programs of the church and pastor, and make effort to witness and evangelize to assist in the church growth program.
6. Reporting: The pastor and lay leadership of the recipient church will make a monthly report to the Church of God General Conference. They will keep in communication with the president or his appointed representative. Regular reporting will be required as a condition of continued aid. Support may be withdrawn at any time for failure to report.
7. Review: A review will be made near the end of the first year of receiving aid. During this review, the president or his appointed representative will consult with the pastor and lay leadership as deemed necessary relative to the development of the church. If it is apparent that there is a lack of cooperation within the church or on the part of the pastor relative to the purpose and intention of the development program, counsel will be given. Failure to improve may result in discontinuing the financial assistance.

The church receiving Ministry Outreach assistance would be expected to return a meaningful portion of its total income to the General Conference and its state-district conference as a offering unto the Lord, thereby making a covenant with the Lord to cause all endeavors of the church to be blessed beyond measure. (Mal. 3:10)

The congregation shall include a dissolution clause in the church constitution to provide for the distribution of assets to the Atlanta Bible College/ Church of God General Conference, a Church of God State Conference, or another church affiliated with our conference if the church is dissolved.

In the event the recipient group would cease operation with assets on hand, funds received from the Ministry Outreach League shall be returned to the General Conference. These funds will be placed in the Scholarship Fund.

2019-2020 Proposed Budget Expenses

Budget Proposals - EXPENSES	2019-2020 Proposed	2019-2020 Revised	2020-2021 Proposed
SERVICES:			
Church Development Aid	\$32,000	\$24,900	\$18,300
Church Planting Aid		\$8,400	\$10,800
Unitarian Organization Support	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Ministerial Association	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Youth Program	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Travel	\$22,000	\$25,000	\$27,000
Printing & Binding	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Postage & Shipping	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Book Store	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Subtotal	\$111,000	\$115,300	\$113,100
ADMINISTRATION:			
Salaries & Wages	\$420,000	\$475,000	\$500,000
F.I.C.A. Tax	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Employee Benefits	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$55,000
Professional Services	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Staff Training, Periodicals, Books, Dues	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Office Machine/Software Lease/Maint	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Subtotal	\$512,000	\$573,000	\$608,000
AVALON:			
Utilities	\$52,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
Telephone/Internet/Web/Data	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
Repairs/Maintenance	\$25,450	\$27,300	\$27,300
Furniture & Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Office & Misc. Supplies & Expenses	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Property Supplies & Expenses	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Student/Staff Meals	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Library Periodicals/Books	\$500	\$500	\$500
Advertising/Recruitment	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,000
Property Tax	\$24,500	\$25,000	\$26,000
Subtotal	\$141,450	\$134,800	\$141,800
KOREAN EXTENSION:			
Campus Lease	\$56,100	\$56,100	\$57,500
Utilities	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Telephone/Internet/Web/Data	\$3,200	\$3,000	\$3,300
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,100	\$1,000	\$1,100
Office & Misc. Supplies & Expenses	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$2,750
Postage & Shipping	\$900	\$800	\$880
Student/Staff Meals	\$13,000	\$11,500	\$12,650
Advertising/Recruitment	\$3,800	\$3,500	\$3,850
Travel	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,800
Subtotal	\$94,850	\$91,400	\$95,830

2019-2020 Proposed Budget Expenses

Budget Proposals - EXPENSES	2019-2020 Proposed	2019-2020 Revised	2020-2021 Proposed
HOUSING:			
Mortgages	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Home Owners Association	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100
Utilities	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Internet	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Insurance - Property	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,720
Repairs/Maintenance/Security System	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Supplies/Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Property Tax	\$9,000	\$950	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$48,050	\$40,000	\$40,370
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Insurance (Package Policy)	\$16,000	\$17,700	\$18,500
Reserve for Capital R/M	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Debt Repayment	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$24,000
Annuity Payments	\$27,300	\$19,400	\$19,400
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Interest	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$7,000
Credit Card Fees	\$12,500	\$12,000	\$12,000
Other	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Subtotal	\$86,500	\$82,000	\$104,900
Expense Total	\$993,850	\$1,036,500	\$1,104,000
Income Total	\$990,600	\$1,036,500	\$1,104,000
GRAND TOTAL (Income less Expense)	-\$3,250	\$0	\$0

Expense Categories

Services – includes grants to churches; Church Development Aid and Church Planting Aid, support for programs and expenses of the Ministerial Association, funding to subsidize the cost of Turning Point Youth Ministries and the production of FUEL and other youth events, travel to visit churches, print and ship materials for churches, and making resources available to churches & individuals

Staff – compensation for all full-time and part-time staff, required payment of employer taxes, tax coverage, health insurance premiums, workers compensation, as well as conference premiums for Ministers' Voluntary Retirement Association for some employees

Administration– includes staff compensation, required employer taxes, professional services, staff training, periodicals, books, dues, office machine/software lease/maintenance, and other expenses to maintain the operation of the Avalon offices

Avalon – includes utilities, telephone/internet/web/data, repairs/maintenance, furniture & equipment, office & misc. supplies, student/staff meals, library periodicals/books, advertising/recruitment, property tax

Korean Extensions– includes the cost of maintaining & operating the Korean Extension campus (Johns Creek, GA) including the campus lease, utilities, telephone/internet/web/data, repairs/maintenance, furniture & equipment, office & misc. supplies & expenses, student/staff meals, library periodicals/books, advertising/recruitment

Housing– mortgages, home owners association, utilities, internet, insurance – property, repairs/maintenance/security system, furniture & equipment, supplies/expenses, property tax

Miscellaneous–insurance (package policy), reserve for capital R/M, debt repayment, annuity payments, allowance for doubtful, accounts, interest, credit card fees, other

2019-2020 Proposed Budget Income

Budget Proposals - INCOME	2019-2020 Proposed	2019-2020 Revised	2020-2021 Proposed
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
General Contributions	\$390,000	\$372,000	\$372,000
Devices & Bequests	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$390,000	\$372,000	\$372,000
SALES:			
Christian Education Materials	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Books	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Subtotal	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
BIBLE COLLEGES:			
Tuition* ABC	\$85,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
Tuition* KE (Korean Extension)	\$249,600	\$225,500	\$226,000
ABC Housing	\$20,000	\$38,000	\$40,000
ABCDF Support	\$34,000	\$26,000	\$36,000
Interest and Fees	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Subtotal	\$393,100	\$404,000	\$416,500
PROGRAM INCOME:			
Conferences & Workshops	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Subtotal	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Other Income	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Tenant Income	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$185,000
Transferred In	\$2,500	\$52,500	\$102,500
Subtotal	\$184,500	\$234,500	\$289,500
Income Total	\$990,600	\$1,036,500	\$1,104,000
Expense Total (from other sheet)	\$993,850	\$1,036,500	\$1,104,000
GRAND TOTAL (Income less Expense)	-\$3,250	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Accounts in the Budget

The budgets proposed include both a revision of the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 adopted by the delegates at the 2018 summer conference and a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Income Categories

Contributions – non-specific giving by individuals, churches, and conferences

Sales – includes all sales of quarterlies, class & non-class books, and unused assets

Bible Colleges– estimated income from ABC/ABCKE classes, rent received from students for housing rented by the college, transfer of investment income from the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation, charges for specific services for college students, such as application fees

Program Income–net income is tracked separately for each event; together, all events provide a modest net income

Miscellaneous Income– income from tenants leasing space in the McDonough, GA office building, interest income, and other revenue

Board of Directors Nominee Bobby Partain, Jr.

My name is Bobby Partain Jr., and I am grateful that my home church, Guthrie Grove Church of God Abrahamic Faith, has nominated me for election to the Church of God General Conference board of directors. Many of you know me, or know of me, but for those of you who don't, I would like to give a brief introduction of myself.

I am proud to say that I was born and raised in South Carolina and have been active in the Guthrie Grove Church for most of my teenage and adult life. I was baptized in 1974 and then attended OBC from 1976 through 1980 and completed my internship with Pastor Jim Graham at the Valley View Bible Church. In 1981 I married my wife Angie, and that same year we moved to Pomona, CA for seven years where I pastored the Church of the Open Bible and helped to start a new work in Phillips Ranch, CA. In 1989 we moved back to SC where my wife and I now have four grown children, nine grandchildren and a huge extended family that continues to expand.

For the last twenty-five years I have worked for BMW Manufacturing, and most of those years have been spent in the Project Management Group for new model launches. I have learned a lot about leading projects and am more convinced than ever that before we can effectively lead others, in a godly way, we have to learn from God how to lead ourselves; and that is only possible when God is leading us through Christ.

I have to say that as important as my roles have been at my various occupations, the roles that have given me the most joy, and caused the most growth, are those that involve the relationships that God has brought into my life. My relationship with God through Christ, my biological family, and my spiritual family define who I am and always challenge me to continue to grow spiritually and be a role model to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

I am currently at a transition point in my life journey. I will be 62 this year and plan to retire from BMW no later than the end of 2020 to allow me time to focus on ministry at Guthrie Grove, in our General Conference, Atlanta Bible College, and affiliated churches. In preparation for the third third of my life, I have gone back to school and plan to graduate with a MMin (Master in Leadership and Ministry) degree from Clapp Divinity School in May of 2020. I also have received my certification as a Financial Master Coach from Ramsey Solutions that has

prepared me to teach and coach believers to find godly financial solutions for their lives.

For the remainder of my life I feel God calling me to devote a majority of my time and energy to the ministry of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship of new and growing believers. I believe that the local church is given the role "to be the equipping center" of God for the work of His ministry to others. I believe that for believers to be adequately equipped they need to be exposed to spiritually accurate preaching and teaching from godly leaders. These leaders must be called and equipped by Christ to lead and feed his sheep (John 21 and 1 Tim. 3:1-17) through their words and by exemplifying a lifestyle committed to spiritual, physical, emotional, educational, and financial growth and maturity in their lives.

"God Is So Good" is the song that touched my heart and moved me to say "yes" to God's call on my life when I was a teenager. I acknowledge that everything that is good in my life "has come down from above, from the Father of lights" (James 1:17). I also know that "to whom much has been given, much will be required" (Luke 12:48). God has blessed me, my family, our church, and our General Conference with so much. It is His legacy through us to pass on a vibrant and growing relationship with Him, to those He has entrusted to our care, and to seek out and share the gospel with potential spiritual siblings that God will bring into His kingdom through the faithfulness of His children.

I appreciate your prayerful consideration of my nomination. If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be reached at blpartain@gmail.com or by phone (864) 802-6254.



Board of Directors Nominee Larry Johnson

I am 74 years old, and retired from Johnson Farms of Hector, which is now managed by my son, Deron, and his wife Sally. With history dating to 1898, he represents our 5th generation. My younger son, Brian and his wife Jessica, live in Prosper, TX. He works for Frito Lay at their corporate headquarters in Plano. I am the proud grandfather to six wonderful grandchildren! I was married to Kathy for 49 years before she lost her battle with ovarian cancer last year. Prior to returning home to farm with my family, I attended college at Cal Poly in Pomona, CA and Minnesota State University in Mankato, MN.

I have been a member of the Church of God my entire life, first at the Hector Church and currently I am an elder and Sunday School teacher at the Litchfield Church of God. Since being asked if I would serve, I am willing to do my part to help Seth guide the General Conference during a time that church attendance nationwide is declining. It would be my hope that my grandchildren and yours would want to be a part of a growing and enthusiastic congregation. We need to create that kind of environment.

My professional activities off the farm, as you might expect, revolve around agriculture. As my father before me, I was chairman of Southern Minnesota Sugar. SMSC is a 550 member farmer owned cooperative that operates sugarbeet processing factories in Renville, MN and Brawley, CA, with annual revenue of \$500 million. I was also chairman of Midwest Agri-Commodities, which markets all of the by-products, including pulp and molasses,

produced in the US. Most of my board activities are past tense, as in former. Some of my other board positions have been:

- North Central Marketing.
- Founding board member of United Sugars Corporation
- American Sugarbeet Growers Association
- The Sugar Association, a joint venture of both the beet and cane sectors formed to promote real sugar
- President of the Renville County Farm Bureau
- Chairman of both the Minnesota and the American Farm Bureau Federation sugar committees
- Minnesota Energy - a dry mill ethanol plant.



Church Classifieds

Michigantown, IN—Pastor

Country Chapel Church of God located near Michigantown, IN, is seeking a pastor. We are a very small congregation and would like to secure a part-time minister. We could possibly share a pastor with another church.

We've always supported a full-time pastor. Although our small group of believers is currently struggling, we do hope to grow in the future. Our current full-time pastor retired April 1, 2018. Our prayer is that God will send us the right person to supply our needs.

Please contact Norm Huffer 765-249-2190 or Tom Glassburn 765-419-2606.

Bristow, OK—Pastor

Bristow Advent Christian Church is seeking a pastor. "The mission of the Bristow Advent Christian Church is to bring people into a personal relationship with God; through Jesus Christ and to disciple them by the spiritual application of biblical principles in daily living."

They have provided key documents if interested: job description, church mission statement, and Bristow, OK demographic information. These can be sent upon request.

Inquiries should be directed to either of the following:
Jack Smith is board chairman, 918-688-1891
Kristi VanOrsdol is secretary, 918-645-8461

Any questions or referrals should go to them.

Board of Directors Nominee (Pending) Telva Elwell

NOTE: *This candidacy is pending a nomination from a church or regional conference in advance of summer conference or a nomination from the floor of the business meeting at conference.*

I have been a member of the SE Conference Board for over 15 years, serving as youth leader and SE Camp Director. I have also served in my local church as Sunday school teacher, youth teacher, assistant youth leader, Sunday school superintendent, and board member.

I have been a member of the Church of God since I was a teen-ager. I was baptized by Pastor Jesse Pestle. I come from a family which has been active in the Church of God for several generations. My grandparents were members of the Oregon, IL Church of God, where I attended as a child. Later I attended the Dixon, IL Church of God. I graduated from Oregon Bible College with a B.Th. Following graduation from OBC, I graduated from Aurora University with a BA in psychology. After becoming a teacher, I earned a M.Ed. in special education from the University of Michigan. I am currently earning an additional master's degree in psychology.

While growing up I attended National Youth Camp in Indiana for 13 years, and for several years was on the youth advisory board. My early experience at youth camp caused me to understand the value of the youth work in the Church of God. I have served as a counselor and then as the director of the SE Youth Camp and retreats for the last 14 years. In serving on the Board of Directors, I would want to support and grow our youth activities throughout our conference, as I see this as an important part of equipping our young people for His service.

My professional work experience has been in the field of education. I have worked with families and students, K through grade 12, who have been impacted with severe mental and physical trauma and behavioral difficulties. I have worked in several different alternative educational programs that addressed the mental, behavioral, social, and educational needs of these students with the objective of preparing them to be successful citizens when they leave high school. Through this I have learned to be proactive, understanding, reflective, and a creative problem solver.

Education would also be a special focus area for me as a member of the Board of Directors. We live in a diverse world where many people are facing difficult challenges in their everyday lives. We must be prepared to address those challenges in our congrega-

tions and in our neighborhoods as we engage in ministry. Education and training begins in our homes and churches, and the role of the board is to support the churches, leaders, and pastors. This is done by providing leadership training, continuing education opportunities, and special gatherings for fellowship and learning. Our Bible college is an important part of that process by providing a solidly biblical education with a relevant and engaging curriculum for new, future leaders, and also by providing continuing education opportunities for our current pastors and lay members. I would support the conference growing our professional development opportunities. These learning experiences should involve both biblical education, along with learning opportunities that will make us more effective in helping and understanding people with diverse backgrounds and needs.

Paul outlines the master plan for our organization in Ephesians 4:1-12. He begins by reminding us that we are one body, bound together by one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one Father. He then commissions us to equip His people for works of service in order to build up the body of Christ. In order to equip people for His service, we must encourage and develop unity and maturity in the body of Christ. God has provided me with experiences and talents that I believe I can effectively use as a board member. It is my hope that in some way I can help to facilitate this mission as we wait for Jesus.



A month of prayer items

- 1 **Pray for your pastor and family.**
- 2 Pray for the Hutchinson, Minnesota Church of God.
- 3 **Pray for Pastor Lesly Bertrand and our work in Haiti.**
- 4 Pray for Pastor Curt and Anita Rowden and the East Peoria, Illinois Church.
- 5 **Praise God for the promise of Christ's soon return.**
- 6 Praise God for the incredible beauty of "new birth" we see every spring!
- 7 **Praise God for new life in Christ.**
- 8 Pray for those whose eyes are blinded to the gospel.
- 9 **Pray for Pastor Andy & Kristy Cisneros.**
- 10 Pray for the Macomb, Illinois Church of God.
- 11 **Pray for Sam An as he works with Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension.**
- 12 Pray for opportunities to witness to those without Jesus as their Savior.
- 13 **Pray for the ministry of the Abundant Life Community Church in Rockford, Illinois.**
- 14 Pray for the churches in your state/district conference.
- 15 **Pray for the students and staff of Atlanta Bible College.**
- 16 Praise God for his resurrected Son!
- 17 **Pray for the New Hope Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.**
- 18 Pray for dedicated Church of God ministers.
- 19 **Pray for retired pastor Ken Howe.**
- 20 Pray for Anthony Buzzard's correspondence with truth seekers around the world.
- 21 **Pray for North Kent Bible Church in Rockford, Michigan.**
- 22 Praise God for His faithfulness.
- 23 **Pray for God's special blessing on those who attended Christian Workers Seminar.**
- 24 Pray for volunteers to be short-term missionaries this summer.
- 25 **Pray for God's blessings on your next-door neighbor(s).**
- 26 Pray that God might use you to lead your family toward an even deeper relationship with Him.
- 27 **Pray for Pastor Steve and Young An and the Korean Extension and the branch campus in South Korea.**
- 28 Pray for the soon return of Jesus.
- 29 **Praise God that His mercies are new every morning.**
- 30 Pray for the Family of God Fellowship in Maple Grove, Minnesota.

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Pray for the editors of our conference publications.**
- 2 Pray for an opportunity to share the gospel message with someone today.
- 3 **Pray for the ministry of Pastor Bill and Lacy Dunn and the Garden Park Church of God in Michigan.**
- 4 Pray for the church work in Oklahoma City.
- 5 **Pray for the missionary work in Mexico.**
- 6 Pray for the new work beginning in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.
- 7 **Pray for God to raise up workers for our churches.**
- 8 Pray for the Jaynes Street church at Omaha, Nebraska.
- 9 **Praise God for new attendees at your local church.**
- 10 Pray for believers who are in nursing homes and hospitals.
- 11 **Pray for the ministry of Pastor Michael and Linda Hoffman and the Oregon, Illinois Church of God.**
- 12 Pray for ABC and ABCKE students as they continue their studies.
- 13 **Praise God for the strength He provides each day.**
- 14 Pray for the Higher Ground Church in White House, TN.
- 15 **Pray for the growth of the congregation in Kingwood, TX under the leadership of Kegan and Lauren Chandler.**
- 16 Pray for healing for someone you know who is in need.
- 17 **Pray for Pastor John and Lila Wincapaw and the Blood River Church of God in Springfield, Louisiana.**
- 18 Pray for someone you know who doesn't yet know Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- 19 **Praise God for the faithful work done by our retired pastors and their wives.**
- 20 Pray for Pastor Steve and Jill Taylor and the work at the Lakeshore Bible Church in Tempe, Arizona.
- 21 **Pray for Pastor David and Wanda Cheatwood and the church at Hedrick, Indiana.**
- 22 Pray for your family and friends.
- 23 **Pray for the ministry of Pastor Scott and Theresa Deane and the church at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.**
- 24 Pray for those who are preparing for Christian service.
- 25 **Pray for the Michael & Melinda Cisler as he joins the staff at Atlanta Bible College.**
- 26 Pray for the international students attending Atlanta Bible College.
- 27 **Pray for Elder Jim Davis and the New Family Bible Fellowship in Pueblo West, Colorado.**
- 28 Pray for Church of God members throughout the world as they minister to others.
- 29 **Pray for your next-door neighbors.**
- 30 Pray for the young church in Lacey, Washington (metro Seattle).
- 31 **Praise God for all that He has done and is doing in your life.**

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Pray for God's blessing on your extended family.**
- 2 Pray for the teams ministering in Malawi, Mozambique, Kenya, and Uganda.
- 3 **Pray for the Midwest Family Camp held each summer at Camp Mack in Milford, IN.**
- 4 Pray that God will speak deeply into your heart today.
- 5 **Praise God for the beauty of His creation.**
- 6 Pray for boldness to share your faith.
- 7 **Pray for the work at Anderson Chapel in Hendersonville, North Carolina.**
- 8 Praise God for His power and knowledge.
- 9 **Pray for the ministry of your local church.**
- 10 Praise God for those who regularly remember our conference and college with their prayers and contributions.
- 11 **Pray for the Arkansas Campground that is continuing to be renovated and improved.**
- 12 Pray for the Forest Hills Church in Royal, Arkansas.
- 13 **Praise God for your family and circle of friends.**
- 14 Pray for a shared spirit of unity across the General Conference.
- 15 **Praise God for your church family.**
- 16 Praise God for your Father—your earthly father and your heavenly Father.
- 17 **Pray for the ministry of the Flagg Center Community Church in Rochelle, Illinois.**
- 18 Pray for Pastor Rufus and Jerri Meyers and the Simple Teachings Bible Church, McDonough, Georgia.
- 19 **Pray for Seth Ross in his duties as Executive Director and President of the General Conference & Atlanta Bible College.**
- 20 Pray for God's direction in our mission efforts.
- 21 **Praise God for your pastor and his family and their dedication to ministry.**
- 22 Pray for Anthony Buzzard and the Focus on the Kingdom ministry.
- 23 **Pray for believers in the Philippine Islands.**
- 24 Praise God for those who write lessons for our adult Sunday School curriculum.
- 25 **Pray for pastors who are changing pastorates this year.**
- 26 Pray for God's direction in advance for the preparation of FUEL (our annual student conference) next summer.
- 27 **Pray for the believers in Lima, Peru and the believers in Trujillo.**
- 28 Pray for children who attend Bible Schools at many churches this summer.
- 29 **Pray for the board of directors as they lead the college/conference.**
- 30 Praise God for the dedication of the college/conference staff.

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... when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ~Acts 8:12

Financing Ministry in Our Local Churches

By Dennis Sharp

If finances are an obstacle in pursuing or expanding your church's efforts at evangelism and outreach, please keep reading. At this year's General Conference, our delegates voted unanimously to approve a program where our churches in the United States and Canada can apply for and be granted financial support to stabilize and expand their local church ministries. This program is called the Ministry Outreach League (MOL).

What is the Ministry Outreach League?

The Ministry Outreach League is a program where our churches can apply for financial assistance by requesting an application from the Church of God General Conference. All applications will be reviewed, and award determinations will be made by the Board of Directors. Financial assistance may be requested and will be granted on a three-tier system:

- \$12,000 over a 4-year period. \$400 per month, and this will decline by \$100 per year (\$400 per month the first year, \$300 per month the second year, and so on).

- \$7200 over a 2-year period. \$400 per month the first year and \$200 per month the second year.
- A one-time grant of either \$5000, \$10,000 or an amount determined by the COGGC Board of Directors.

This program is intentionally designed to be flexible and allow the Board of Directors the ability to adjust available assistance to our churches based on donations to the fund. Similar to the Church Builders' League, appeals will be sent to the COG membership as the means to raise funds for the MOL. This, however, will be an opportunity to donate and invest directly into ministry and assist our churches in spreading the gospel of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ (Mark 1:1, 14 & 15; Acts 8:12).

Why do we need a Ministry Outreach League?

The simple fact is that we have too many churches that are stagnant or in decline. We want to give these churches a mechanism to

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Financing Ministry in Our Local Churches

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stabilize and grow. From 1965 to 2016, the Church of God added 87 new congregations, and during that same time period closed 79 congregations. We can and must do better! The General Conference and Board of Directors recognize this, and the MOL is one effort to change this trend; growing our churches and making citizens for the coming Kingdom of God.

We have proven that we are most successful where we put our priority and passion. The finest example of this is the work the COG has done in foreign missions. Mobilizing and involving people, raising money to fund mission trips and building projects, and tireless promotion have made foreign missions a shining example of what we are capable of doing. As evidence of this success, for the financial calendar year just ended, the COGGC spent \$252,533 on assistance to missions. During the same time period, \$54,987 was spent on assistance to churches. We can do better. We can do it by giving people the relatable, motivational, and specific ministry needs required for our ongoing ministries including our conference churches, missions, youth programs, and ABC. The stronger our churches are, the stronger our entire movement will be.

It is important to emphasize that the success of the MOL should also have a positive long-term effect on Church Builders League. CBL is a program to fund church building projects (acquiring land, building new or expanding existing churches) and will continue unchanged. To the degree that we do not have churches that are growing and expanding, the effectiveness of the CBL program is minimized. The goal of the MOL is to help our churches grow by facilitating ministry and evangelism outreach, being faithful to the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20), and teaching the beautiful, simple, understandable truths of the Abrahamic Faith.

How are MOL funds to be used?

Ministry Outreach Assistance will be primarily used for any of the following projects:

1. To assist churches that are financially unable to support a full-time ministry, but desire to do so.
2. To assist those churches that are unable to financially expand their staff and ministry in order to maximize their growth potential.
3. To assist those churches that have the staff and environment to participate in ABC/COGGC Internship programs, but require financial assistance to do so.

The intent is to allow our churches the options of hiring a part-time pastor, transitioning from a part-time pastor to full-time, adding staff such as missions, youth, or evangelism leaders, and to enjoy the benefits of having a student intern work with your congregation/group. Other needs can be considered by the Board of Directors if they feel those needs fit the spirit of the program which is ministry outreach. In the unlikely event that no group request is approved for Ministry Outreach League assistance, the appeal may be issued on behalf of the ABC/COGGC Scholarship Fund to assist those students studying to enter the COG pastoral ministry.

If you are a potential donor, please consider supporting this critically important work of growing our churches and spreading the gospel message of the Abrahamic Faith (Gen. 15; Gal. 3:29). Appeals from our churches will soon be sent out, and we ask for the support of your prayers and donations.

If you are a church or group that can benefit from this MOL program, the COGGC wants to be a partner to help you grow and make citizens for God's coming Kingdom.

Working together, we give glory to our great God who has given so much to each of us.

Politics and the End of the Age

By Wally Winner

We are now in prophetic times of great importance with many powerful forces of deception and dangers. What is your worldview and against what or whom is it measured? To what shall we compare ourselves? *"Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding."* (2 Corinthians 10:12 ESV)

Man's imagination has turned to evil reality and unrestrained is getting worse fast, and it's spreading just as fast. *"Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land;"* (Hosea 4:1 ESV)

The end of end-time politics will demonstrate perfectly the failure of the left, the right and the centre. It will demonstrate the failure of the god of democracy itself, because its major participant, the true God, has been replaced.

Of course, God does use politicians for His purposes. God raises up and brings down world leaders according to His will. *"Daniel answered and said: 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.'"* (Dan 2:20 ESV)

End-time politics will finally prove once and for all that fallen mankind cannot save itself. It will demonstrate how incredibly dangerous it is to be in a battle, blind as a bat and ignorant of the circumstances.

Politics believes it can bring a better life, liberated from its problems. The lie of the liars of liberation is that they can and will bring liberation eventually to all.

There are certain things that are politically and spiritually neutral, but there are some things that bring specific curses with them. How can a politician promise blessing from a cursed source?

National religious freedom includes the right to worship freely and to express that worship. We are now seeing what the Bible calls sin, enshrined in law in many nations.

A new bill has been passed in the House of Representatives and presently is in a committee in the Senate called the HR5 Equality Bill. (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5/text>).

The bill normalizes and legalizes LGBT behaviour in private homes and businesses of all people, making them fully equal in all respects. But that is not the problem. The bill essentially criminalizes opposition to it wherever it is expressed. That violates the believer's conscience. It criminalizes biblical teachings!

According to Charisma News (<https://www.charismanews.com/world/58295-7-000-churches-fasting-praying-over-terrifying-new-persecution-law>) in Russia a new anti-terrorism law was signed by Putin. The law prevents foreign guests from speaking in Russian churches unless they have a work permit. Sharing your faith with non-believers will be punishable. Religious activity is no longer permitted in homes. Every citizen is obliged to report those who break these new laws. You may not pray or study the Bible in the presence of a non-believer. Church altar calls are no longer permitted.

And more.

There is a new bill in the works in South Africa to regulate religion. (<https://forsa.org.za/proposed-regulation-of-religion-in-sa/>). It will have the same effects as some of the points of the Russian bill.

Religious restrictions are happening all over the world (<https://news.yahoo.com/government-restrictions-religion-increasing-worldwide-210104706.html>)

The problem with politics is that it has become the machinery of the god of this world and people treat it like a god. It has become the delivery vehicle of many cursed beliefs and practices. The thinking is that if a majority agrees on any issue, it is right. How wrong that is! The world has become dedoctrinated of God's word, and indoctrinated with complacency, mediocrity and evil.

All the power of politics can't get rid of sin. The power found in science and technology can't get rid of sin. Medicine can't get rid of sin. Psychology and its words can't get rid of sin. Strong, powerful emotions, can't get rid of sin. Socio-political laws, actions and philosophies can't get rid of sin. Ethnic culture can't get rid of sin. Religion, keeping laws and doing works, can't get rid of sin.

"Cursed is the man who trust in man and makes flesh his strength ...He shall be like a shrub in the desert and not see good when it comes. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord." (Jeremiah 17:5-7)

"Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? Look you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and you intend to bring this Man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles said: "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:28-29)

Can We Grow the Church of God?

By Robin Todd and Dennis Sharp

The short answer is, of course we can. The long answer is more complicated. The reality is that our efforts to embrace and develop small groups of like-minded believers have started, stalled, and unfortunately, stopped altogether. Let me explain.

At General Conference in July 2014, Kent Ross made a motion that was approved the following year to create a Home Missions Board of Evangelism and Church Growth. Pastor Robin Todd was appointed to lead the effort. Robin was aware of scattered individual believers in several cities that have the potential to meet for worship as a group, but lacked leadership, facilities, or means to organize and function as a cohesive group. Over the next 3 – 4 years with financial support from the COGGC and key COG leadership, Robin led efforts to launch start-up groups in Western Washington, Oklahoma City, Dallas, and Los Angeles. These efforts are now collectively referred to as “U.S. Missions.”

All of these start-ups were launched with enthusiasm and varying degrees of success. Currently only the Western Washington Church is still stable and functioning after 5 years, helped by regular support from Robin who provides local leadership. The Oklahoma City church was meeting three times a month, renting a meeting location, hiring and licensing a pastor, and joining the General Conference. Ultimately however, their pastor had to leave his position, which has now stalled meeting plans.

Los Angeles had meetings to discuss start-up, but was not able to launch ongoing services as intended due to lack of qualified local leadership. Dallas has great potential and has been meeting once a month for several months, thanks to local organizing efforts by Ron Shockley, and Bible studies led by Greg Demmitt, our pastor in Gatesville. However, Greg lives a long way from Dallas and already has a full-time pastorate, and Ron is very willing to assist, but not provide long-term pastoral leadership. So this location, too, needs focused leadership in order to survive much longer.

In addition to leadership issues, the Church of God is not well-known to the public, even to those who are just coming to know these truths we have held dear for so long. It is a major public relations effort just to introduce ourselves to them, much less promote a new church plant in their town/city.

The experience of the past 3–4 years has been a valuable education for all involved. By applying lessons learned, we want to change our approach

and have resources in place that were previously missing or incomplete. These are the four critical resources which have been identified to assist our U.S. Missions effort:

Ministry Leadership. For start-up groups to enjoy lasting success, it is critical for them to have sustained and dedicated leadership to coordinate and focus the group. Previous experience tells us we cannot launch without leadership. I used to work for a company whose motto was, “People are our most important asset,” and this is true in any organization. To succeed, passionate, dedicated, and involved people are a must. If you are a pastor who is no longer active, or feel you are someone who has the necessary ministry experience, please consider joining us in this adventure and gospel-sharing opportunity. We must also begin to promote a more mission-minded mentality for our college students who desire a ministry in the U.S. Pastoring new church plants is an opportunity that our young pastors must be embracing now, for it is rapidly becoming the only alternative. Jesus said, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* Matthew 9:37-38. We have faith that God will provide the leadership required for these scattered brethren who have come to believe in the One God. Perhaps that leader is you or someone you know!

Website Upgrade. A comprehensive upgrade of the COGGC website that promotes our gospel message (Acts 8:12) will facilitate two-way conversations, and be a magnet for those searching for a like-minded faith. Putting Jesus’ gospel-sharing mission for his church at the forefront of all we do should be our guiding principle and our hope for a brighter and bolder future for the COG. The site would also include information, updates, and opportunities in U.S. Missions and all other COGGC ministries.

Magazine and Literature Upgrade. Transform the RESTITUTION HERALD into a more outward-focused magazine which is designed, like the new website, to announce to the public the good news of the coming kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. Along with that, produce and advertise modern-looking brochures proclaiming the Bible truths we hold dear. Most of our material is severely outdated both in appearance and literary style. The truth never changes, but our delivery of it must come into the modern era.

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Promote Unity Through Technology. As new churches are raised up, use technology to connect them immediately into the COG family sphere of fellowship. Upgrade the means for our COGCG President to use the speed and ease of this technology to communicate with our leadership and membership, both individually and collectively. Promote a greater sense of family and unity between all congregations throughout the year through technology.

If you have the talent, ability, or resources to help in any of the above areas, we would love to hear from you. We need your help in making these church start-ups possible and U.S. Missions a reality. These new start-up groups are not burdened by past history or the complications often found in long-existing congregations. They are an opportunity for a fresh start and a new creation. Together, let's make the Church of God a place where searching believers can easily find, connect, and join with us in our journey to attain to life in the age to come!

What is AmazonSmile?

It is a simple and automatic way for you to support the General Conference every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.



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How do I get started on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Search for "Atlanta Bible College-Church of God General Conference." Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation of 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Church News

Baptisms

California

Pomona—Joshua Reyna and Anthony Reyna (6/9/19) by Bruce Reye

Virginia

Front Royal—Garry L. Seiders (6/9/19) by Jon Welch

Ontario, Canada

Fonthill—Sarah Ferbrache and Cathy McGrenra (4/21/19) by Daniel Calcagno

Deaths

Ontario, Canada

Fonthill—Rosemary Shute, 88, (7/1/19). Rosemary was a long-time member.

Weddings

Minnesota

Brooklyn Park—Jacob Burke and Meghan Skarda, (7/11/19) by J.J. Fletcher

Louisiana

Springfield—Levi Walters and Miranda Lobell, (6/1/19) by John Wincapaw



States and provinces where these baptisms, and deaths took place

We're Having Senior Moments in Virginia

by Renee Welch

It's usually not something to brag about, but around here, Senior Moments are encouraged!

Senior Moments is a project that we started in June 2017 for seniors age 50 and up. Every two weeks we get together at Grace Fellowship Church of God in Front Royal, Virginia for a scheduled activity at 10a.m. which is always followed from 11a.m.-1p.m. with a choice of bingo, jigsaw puzzles and snacks. Bingo winners are given a ticket in which they turn in for a prize of their choosing. Prizes are generously donated, including farm fresh eggs. We also purchase prizes from our local Dollar Tree. Our puzzling group enjoys putting difficult puzzles together and finding stray pieces on the floor. We also enjoy homemade and purchased snacks, trying to provide an assortment for everyone. On the first of every month we have a beautiful decorated birthday cake including a candle and a song for those celebrating that month.



The main activity is something different each time. It could be music, art, crafts, informational, safety, history, fitness or cooking. They are hosted by planning team members, local friends and by attendees. We've enjoyed such things as painting with watercolors, played noodle-loon with pool noodles and balloons, made eatable bird's nests and made some mug rugs and rustic signs. The mayor joined us, as well as the police chief, EMS, fire chief and our hospital's physical therapy staff. Community involvement is very important to us whether it's informing, educating or entertaining our seniors.

It all began when I discovered that three of our seniors were very lonely, spending time in busy parking lots working on crossword puzzles and people watching. I felt like God was tugging at my heart to reach out to them and others in the community, provide them with a warm safe place to have fun.

So, in May 2017, I presented a proposal at our church congregational meeting. The church was so gracious, and all for it. They voted to give us a monthly donation of \$150. Our planning team began with 10 volunteers. We organized, scheduled and pulled together in one accord to begin this ministry. Senior Moments is held biweekly on Tuesdays with planning team meetings on the following Thursdays. The team is still 12 strong and still includes the three seniors who inspired this ministry. Last fall, the Virginia Conference voted to donate \$50 per month

to help with costs. We began with about 13 people attending, recently we reached 51. On average, we range 30-40. Some of the local retirement homes also join in the fun from time to time. Flyers are designed, printed and distributed in the community by the planning team for each activity.

There is no cost for anyone who comes. We have a donation box and hold a monthly raffle with donated items. Occasionally, we hold a silent auction with donated items also. A few months ago, we decided to give to others as well. The first donations each month (first fruits) are given to a local charity. The members are fully involved in the giving. The highest we've received is \$142 so far, and it's always a surprise blessing of generosity. We've been able to help the American Legion, Police Foundation, Humane Society, C-Cap, Phoenix Project and many others. We also started Blessing Bags for the homeless. Donations of non-perishable food items, socks, toiletries, sock hats, gloves and other items are placed into small gift bags. A few of our church members even crochet/knit scarves for them. Blessing Bags are also put in the three local Blessing Boxes for people in need.



This is an amazing group of people who laugh a lot and promote living in joy. There is a great mixture of seniors from various backgrounds. Our main purpose is to "love God and love people" through our actions more than words. We've grown together and have also been so blessed by this outreach individually and as a diverse group.

The Planning Team consists of Nellie Campbell, Phyllis Edwards, Jane Parks, Walt & Taffy Mabe, Janice Hart, Ellie Seiders, Teresa Magalis, Susan Bell, Wanda Edwards, Willie Adams and me. There is no way to accurately list everyone and what they do individually, but I can truly say that collectively there is *not* a more dedicated group to His service in love. I'm in awe of God's blessings and reassurance of encouragement in what we're doing.

Here is a picture from our 2nd Anniversary Celebration in June! That day the Heroes of '76 joined us to share the history and meaning of folding our American Flag. It was a great day!!



Church Classifieds

Wenatchee, WA—Pastor

Pastor Robin Todd has resigned as pastor of the Wenatchee, Washington Church, effective in April. So the church is seeking a part-time pastor. For additional information, please contact elder Jay Brossard at 509-470-6603.

Michigantown, IN—Pastor

Country Chapel Church of God located near Michigantown, IN, is seeking a pastor. We are a very small congregation and would like to secure a part-time minister. We could possibly share a pastor with another church.

We've always supported a full-time pastor. Although our small group of believers is currently struggling, we do hope to grow in the future. Our previous full-time pastor retired April 1, 2018. Our prayer is that God will send us the right person to supply our needs.

Please contact Norm Huffer 765-249-2190 or Tom Glassburn 765-419-2606.

Bristow, OK—Pastor

Bristow Advent Christian Church is seeking a pastor. "The mission of the Bristow Advent Christian Church is to bring people into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to disciple them by the spiritual application of biblical principles in daily living."

They have provided key documents if interested: job description, church mission statement, and Bristow, OK demographic information. These can be sent upon request.

Inquiries should be directed to either of the following:
Jack Smith is board chairman, 918-688-1891
Kristi VanOrsdol is secretary, 918-645-8461

Any questions or referrals should go to them.

Latham, NY—Administrative Assistant

Living Hope is a Bible-based collection of fellowships and churches dedicated to reaching the lost with God's glorious gospel of the kingdom, as well as fostering genuine discipleship among Christ-followers through teaching, events, and community. We are looking for a motivated full-time administrative assistant to support our work, both locally and abroad.

This position includes managing office supplies, performing receptionist tasks, publishing our weekly Sunday program and quarterly journal, and directing the flow of information. We are looking for someone who is friendly, professional, and trustworthy. Skills required include communication in person and online, event planning, desktop publishing, and volunteer management. Strong computer skills (MS Office, email, social media, etc.) required. Experience with Quick Books, website maintenance (Wordpress), graphic design, shipping, and/or publishing is preferred. Send a resume and cover letter to sean@lhim.org. Compensation commensurate with experience and qualifications. High school diploma minimum, associate's or bachelor's preferred.

This full-time position will average forty hours per week. Compensation starts at \$15.00 per hour. Living Hope International Ministries is located at 458 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110.

Job Description:

- Reception tasks include answering the phone in a cheerful and professional manner, taking messages, and handling visitors (UPS, elevator guy, fire inspector, sales people, etc.)
- Information Flow: make sure messages, mail, connection card info, and emails get to the right people. Get back with people who sign up for events or request information about something.
- Event management: whether small or large, all event registrations go through the secretary, which may include some basic graphic design, generating welcome packets, keeping track of who signed up and how much they paid, etc.
- Sunday Service: gather necessary information (sermon notes, song list, upcoming events, other announcements) and produce the program and connection card, as well as put notes online prior to service
- Mail all outgoing bills, letters, packages, and Glad Tidings.
- Manage Glad Tidings, including receiving articles via email, putting them into a single Publisher document, working with the proofreader, printing, and mailing.
- Produce bookstore materials including CD and DVD classes and study guides when needed.
- Manage office supplies including the Xerox machine, paper, envelopes, labels, blank CDs/DVDs, etc.
- Handle some financial transactions, including wiring money for the Congo Children's fund, reimbursing people for purchases, paying the cleaners and grounds keeper, handling petty cash, and writing a check each week for refreshments purchase. Everything must have a receipt.
- Work with volunteers to offload as many tasks as they are willing and able to complete. Check up on them and make sure they are not bored or over worked and that all tasks get done.

Apply: To apply, send a resume and cover letter, explaining why you would be a good fit to Pastor Sean Finnegan sean@lhim.org.



2020 THE BIBLE AND PROPHECY CONFERENCE MARCH 13-15 CONWAY, AR

Conference Location: Hilton Garden Inn 805 S Amity Rd. Conway AR 501-329-1444

Friday, March 13

3:00PM Registration Open
6:00PM **Session 1:** Dr Joe Martin
6:45PM Break
7:00 PM **Session 2:** Cathy Cunningham

Saturday, March 14

9:00AM **Session 3:** Sir Anthony Buzzard
9:45AM Break
10:00AM **Session 4:** Joel Hemphill
10:45AM Break
11:00AM **Session 5:** Dr Dale Tuggy
11:45AM Break for Lunch (There are several restaurants within walking distance)
1:30PM **Session 6:** Cathy Cunningham
2:15PM Break
2:30 PM **Session 7:** Executive Director Seth Ross
3:15 PM Break
3:30PM **Session 8:** Pastor Dan Gill
4:15PM Break until Dinner
5:30PM Banquet Dinner in the Ball Room
(Included with Registration Fee) Special Music with Joel & Christy Hemphill
7:00PM **Session 9:** Dr. Joe Martin

Sunday, March 15

(Events will move to McGintytown Church of God 509 Hwy 225 E. Greenbrier, AR 72058)
9:00 AM **Session 10:** Early Bird Bible Study with Sir Anthony Buzzard
10:00AM **Session 11:** Dr Dale Tuggy
11:00AM **Session 12:** Dr Joe Martin
12:00PM Lunch provided by the McGintytown Church of God

Sponsored by the Arkansas State Conference and the McGintytown Church of God

For more information contact: Pastor Tom New 501-581-5505 tnew@cyberback.com

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Country: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

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CONFERENCE FEES

1. Registration Fees Includes all Seminar Sessions, Materials and 2 Meals (1 Dinner Banquet and Sunday Lunch at McGintytown Church of God). Breakfasts and Lunch on Saturday are not covered with your registration.

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE: **BEFORE/ON FEBRUARY 15** **AFTER FEBRUARY 15**
 Participant \$50 (Early Bird) \$60 (Regular) Student (Ages 18 & Under) \$40 (Early Bird) \$50 (Regular)

If you received a sponsorship, check Do not pay a registration fee. Still complete this registration form.

Person/Organization of Sponsorship: _____

2. Special Meal Request Do you require a vegetarian meal for the banquet dinner? Yes: No:
3. Transportation Do you require transportation to/from Little Rock Airport? Yes: No:

If so, Date & Time of Arrival: _____ Date & Time of Departure: _____

Cancellations/Changes and Refunds: Fees for missed meals, late arrivals, and early departures will not be refunded. Fees will be refunded if cancellation or change resulting in a refund is received no later than February 25, 2018. After that date, fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be processed after the conference. Substitutions are allowed at no charge.

PAYMENT METHOD Cash or Check is accepted. Please make all checks out to: **McGintytown Church of God**

Please mail registration form with payment to: Tom New/ BIBLE PROPHECY CONFERENCE 29 Sheila Dr., Greenbrier, AR 72058
For questions or more information call or email: Pastor Tom New (501) 581-5505 tnew@cyberback.com

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PLEASE NOTE: The registration fee for the Arkansas Bible Prophecy Conference DOES NOT include lodging. You must arrange lodging by contacting the Hilton Garden Inn directly or contacting one of the other local hotels. We have reserved 10 rooms at this date for \$99 each which includes breakfast if you let the Hilton know that you are with the group. Let us know, so if rooms are available we can get them at that price.

Other Hotels in the Area: Country Inn & Suites (with free complimentary breakfast) is located just across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn, 750 S Amity Rd Conway AR 501-932-0500. Some rates through Expedia and other sources may be cheaper.

Next Exit Lodging: Fairfield Inn & Suites 2260 Sanders Rd Conway AR 501-505-8034
 Comfort Inn 705 Museum Rd Conway AR 501-329-8548
 Holiday Inn Express 2330 Sanders Rd Conway AR 501-513-4989.

There are several hotels in the area, and you may save by going through an online travel service such as Orbitz or Hotels.com.

Christian Workers Seminar 2020

May 3-8, 2020

Theme: Released

- *To think*
- *To create*
- *To inspire*
- *To dream*
- *To serve*

Pigeon Forge, TN
MainStay Suites

Registration coming in
January 2020



KOG Missions Conference 2019

The 2nd Annual KOG Missions Conference was held October 4-5 at Higher Ground Church in White House, TN. All who attended were encouraged and inspired by the speakers, presentations and fellowship. As one person said, "Even though it wasn't a large gathering, all of the presenters spoke as if they were speaking to 200 people!" Speakers included: Dan Gill, Dale Tuggy, Barbara Buzzard, Joe Martin, Anthony Buzzard, Carlos Xavier, Bill & Stephanie Schlegel, Alane Rozelle and Tracy Zhykhovich. Alexander Davila from Nicaragua, and Majo Matthew from India joined from overseas via video conference using Zoom.

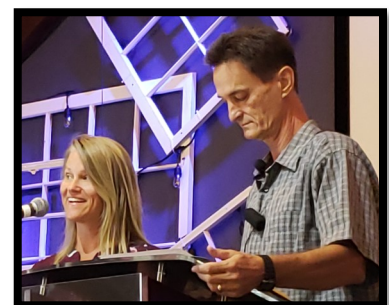
You can watch the replay of most of the conference on "Kingdom of God Ministry & Missions" YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_-ufI_T1bEzQrz0YELp3jw? or at Kogmissions.com. If you would like to be notified about next year's conference or other events, please email us at: info@KOGmissions.com.



Dr. Joe Martin



Anthony Buzzard



Bill & Stephanie Schlegel

Atlanta Bible College

Scholarship Winners at FUEL 2020

Every summer, students attending FUEL are invited to take Atlanta Bible College's Bible Content test. Four \$1000 scholarships to Atlanta Bible College are awarded to the highest scoring high school freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior. The scholarship winners this year went to:



(L to R): Isabella Osborn (SC), Blair Simon (LA), Kevin Shull (MN), and Camden Bormes (MI).

Fall Semester Begins

The fall semester began with 40 students enrolled in classes, of which 14 are living in our student housing. Below are 12 of our resident students: Jacob Alcumbrack (SC), Chase Murray (MI), Nate Massie (OH), Katelyn Hawkins (MI), Kelly Thompson (MN), Makenna Cisler (MI), Jeremiah Smead (MN), Cameron Landry (MN), Liam Johnson (MN), Blessings Kanyemba (Malawi, Africa), Isaac Cain (OH), and Levi Salyers (OH).



Atlanta Bible College Student Profiles

Name: Andrew Cheatwood

Age: 25

Hometown:

West Lebanon, IN

Home Church: Hedrick

Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I felt God's calling to go to ABC because I wanted a deeper relationship with Him and a better understanding of who He is and what He wants of me.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? Initially, I thought it was to become a teacher at ABC, but I think I added to His plan. Teaching is something I believe is in part of my calling. I feel that counseling will be my ministry. I will still be looking to write music that God will use for His glory as well but becoming a counselor is where I believe I will be best used.

A fun fact about me is I've been writing poetry/lyrics since I was 15.

Name: Blessings Kanyemba

Age: 20

Hometown:

Blantyre, Malawi

Home Church:

St Columba CCAP



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I decided to attend ABC because I felt that God was telling me I needed to structure my future now through His word. My late mother was also influential to my decision because I wanted her legacy to live on in me - I just didn't know how or where to begin until I was introduced to ABC.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? At the moment I haven't targeted one direction fully, but I feel more passionate about administrative ministry, as well as the mission ministry.

Fun fact: I dislike chocolate and peanut butter together. The ABC family has tried to get me on board with the idea, but they'll never succeed.

Name: Cameron Landry

Age: 18

Hometown:

Ramsey, MN

Home Church:

Pine Grove Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? It's always been on my mind, and due to getting ahead on my business degree I had a free year to spend here!

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? Not any large role in specific, but perhaps as a teacher with the knowledge I've obtained here; as well as roles in leadership among the body.

Name: Nathan Massie

Age: 24

Hometown:

Springfield, Ohio

Home Church:

Lawrenceville Church of God



Why did you choose to attend ABC? God has called me to be a pastor. He has revealed this to me in multiple revelations.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? I am at ABC because I want to fulfill God's call in my life and give Him all of the honor and glory in the process.



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Atlanta Bible College Student Profiles

Name: Levi Salyers

Age: 24

Hometown:

Springfield, OH

Home Church:

Lawrenceville Church of God



Why did you choose to attend ABC? To know God more clearly, to know His will, and to further His Kingdom.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? I feel that God is calling me into a ministry position. I plan to graduate with my degree in pastoral ministries. I'm eager to get more experience in a church!

Name: Makenna Cisler

Age: 18

Hometown: Rockford, MI

Home Church:

North Kent Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I wanted to learn more about the Bible and about the doctrines of the General Conference.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? I feel God is calling me to be a stay at home mom. I will use the biblical knowledge I am learning here at ABC to teach my children one day. I also feel led to potentially be a part of children's ministry. I have had the opportunity to help with the younger kids at Cornerstone Bible Church, and I have really enjoyed teaching the little ones and making their play go back to the Bible in some form. I also would like to pursue worship leading. I have had the opportunity to be on the worship team at Cornerstone, and North Kent had provided me with the opportunity to lead worship once a month for a year. I enjoy using my musical talents to praise God.

Name: Brian Scott Garrett

Age: 51 years young!

Hometown: Hampton, GA

Home Church: Cornerstone Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? While on an Evangelism trip to Pittsburgh, PA, I felt a call on my life to study God's word and pursue ministry. After returning home from a three-day ministry event, and not knowing where to start, I simply asked God to direct the next steps. While driving home from work one afternoon a few weeks later, I noticed the ABC building, and again felt God confirming my education was to take place there! I contacted Jack Kmiecik and David Krogh, and at 47 years young, I was 'Back to School', this time for God's plan and purpose.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? My ministry path or call appears to be teaching and mentoring at a Bible-based and/or Christian school with a 'side' of chaplain duties. God continues to unfold his plan for me and will present the people and places He desires for me to minister.

Name: Kelly Thompson

Age: 18

Hometown:

Elk River, MN

Home Church:

Pine Grove Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I want to learn more about God, gain independence, and build relationships.

What kind of ministry I feel like I'm being called to: I really don't know what kind of ministry I want to do.

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Pray for Maksim Ryzhik as he ministers in Russia.**
- 2 Pray for the next generation of young people in our churches.
- 3 **Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ.**
- 4 Praise God for the leadership of your church family.
- 5 **Pray for a great hunger and thirst for righteousness in your church.**
- 6 Pray for Pastor John and Alice Railton and the work of the Family Bible Church in Granger, Indiana.
- 7 **Pray that many will hear God's call into full-time Christian service.**
- 8 Pray for the many people in our churches who have been baptized recently.
- 9 **Pray for Linda Limbe-Nkomba and her work in Malawi.**
- 10 Pray for the mission work in Peru.
- 11 **Pray for Pastor John Wincapaw and the Youth Advisory Committee as they plan for FUEL far in advance.**
- 12 Pray for students considering enrollment at Atlanta Bible College.
- 13 **Pastor Michael and Charity Medlock and the work at Lenoir, NC.**
- 14 Praise God for His wisdom.
- 15 **Praise God for the continuing opportunities to present the gospel of the kingdom over the radio, shortwave, and the internet.**
- 16 Pray that students in our churches grow toward spiritual maturity and sound doctrine.
- 17 **Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ.**
- 18 Pray that God will lead many of our young people into ministry at home and abroad.
- 19 **Pray for the adults who work with students in our churches and the influence they have on young people.**
- 20 Pray for Pastor Dan and Rachel Cain and their work at the Troy View Church of God in Troy, Ohio.
- 21 **Pray for the ministries of individuals across the Church of God.**
- 22 Pray for the brethren in India.
- 23 **Pray for those who are studying the Systematic Bible Study course over the internet.**
- 24 Thank God for those who take time each year to travel to and attend General Conference events.
- 25 **Pray for the History Committee as they work to honor our past through the Heritage Conference each year.**
- 26 Pray for the General Conference churches as they strive to fulfill the mission God has given them.
- 27 **Pray for God's blessing and direction on the leaders of our churches.**
- 28 Praise God for your family and friends.
- 29 **Pray for Lupe Badillo and the work in Mexico.**
- 30 Pray for Freedom in Christ Ministries, Welland, Ontario and Pastor Stephen and Joyce Bolhous and Pastor Merry Peterson.
- 31 **Praise God for efforts to gather like-minded believers in various cities in the hopes that new churches might begin.**

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Thank God for your pastor this month and seek ways to encourage your pastor.**
- 2 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and a new earth in His coming kingdom.
- 3 **Pray for a personal hunger to know God and Jesus better.**
- 4 Pray for the Restitution Church in Eldorado, IL.
- 5 **Praise God for your church family and the strength that you receive through it.**
- 6 Pray for the Open Bible Church of God in Springfield, MO.
- 7 **Pray for a church planting vision for Church of God members.**
- 8 Pray for Africa mission work.
- 9 **Pray for the youth of your local church.**
- 10 Praise God for those who are preparing for ministry.
- 11 **Pray for Joe & Rebekah Martin as they continue overseeing churches in Africa.**
- 12 Pray for opportunities to speak to others today about God and Jesus Christ.
- 13 **Thank God for the financial supporters of the Church of God General Conference and its ministries.**
- 14 Praise God for new contacts who are seeking the truth around the world.
- 15 **Pray for the ministry of the Pakistan churches affiliated with the Church of God General Conference.**
- 16 Pray for Pastor Chris and Jennifer Seiders and the church at Fort Valley, VA.
- 17 **Pray for the work that is being done in India to proclaim God's truth.**
- 18 Pray for Atlanta Bible College students as they continue their school year.
- 19 **Pray for the board members to be led by God as they guide the General Conference.**
- 20 Pray for Pastor John and Lila Wincapaw and the Blood River Church in Springfield, LA.
- 21 **Pray for God's blessing on your neighborhood.**
- 22 Ask God to help you love Him and His Son more.
- 23 **Pray for Pastor Steve and Jill Taylor and the Lakeshore Bible Church in Arizona.**
- 24 Pray for the work of the Blanchard, MI church.
- 25 **Pray for the ministry of the ABC Korean Extension in reaching students in both Georgia and in South Korea.**
- 26 Pray for the Grace Fellowship Church in Front Royal, VA.
- 27 **Praise God for Kegan & Lauren Chandler as they lead a young home church in Kingwood, TX.**
- 28 Pray for the Fair Oaks Community Church in Herndon, VA.
- 29 **Pray for the church at Hedrick, IN and Pastor David and Wanda Cheatwood.**
- 30 Praise God for His constant care.
- 31 **Pray for God to send workers into the fields that are ready for harvest.**

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Pray for Pastor Jeff and Terri Moore and the St. Cloud, MN Church and House Light Ministries.**
- 2 Pray for believers scattered around the country without a nearby Church of God to attend.
- 3 **Praise God for volunteers who willingly serve the Church of God on various committees.**
- 4 Pray for Pastor Kirby Davis and Pastor Robin and Marisa Todd and the Wenatchee, WA church.
- 5 **Pray for Lupe Badillo as she continues to minister in Labor Vieja, Mexico.**
- 6 Pray for the growing work in Uganda as many people are coming to faith.
- 7 **Pray that God will raise up workers to serve in mission fields in other lands.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor Andy and Kristy Cisneros and their ministry at Guthrie Grove Church of God in Pelzer, SC.
- 9 **Praise God for His holiness and truthfulness.**
- 10 Pray for Rick McClain and the work of the Lord's Harvest International mission board.
- 11 **Pray for a spirit of unity throughout the Church of God.**
- 12 Praise God for baptisms in our churches.
- 13 **Pray for Pastor Wade and Kim Tierney and the Morse Mill, MO church.**
- 14 Pray for the Ministerial Recognition Board as they encourage our pastors.
- 15 **Pray for the pastors in Pakistan who minister under very difficult circumstances.**
- 16 Pray for the Western Washington Church in Olympia, WA.
- 17 **Pray for God to provide you with "thankful" eyes this month.**
- 18 Pray for the boldness you need to share Christ with an unbelieving friend.
- 19 **Pray for college/conference youth events being planned for 2019.**
- 20 Pray for the outreach efforts of your local congregation.
- 21 **Praise God for a blessing He provided in your life yesterday.**
- 22 Praise God for His daily blessings of shelter, food, family, and friends.
- 23 **Pray for an individual you know who does not have hope of eternal life.**
- 24 Pray for the churches within your state or regional conference.
- 25 **Pray for Pastor Bill and Lacey Dunn and the Garden Park Church in Grand Rapids, MI.**
- 26 Pray God for the wealth of our nation that allows us to spread the gospel around the world.
- 27 **Pray for God to raise up talented students who desire to prepare for ministry at Atlanta Bible College.**
- 28 Pray for the opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 29 **Praise God for the leadership of your local congregation.**
- 30 Pray for new contacts through distribution of literature and our website.

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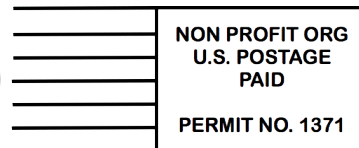
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... when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ~Acts 8:12

Do You Love God's Child?

By Bill Schlegel

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1 John 5 was especially significant for our family about a year and a half ago when I was coming to understand that God is One and that Jesus is His human Messiah. My wife points out the irony in the fact that while Trinitarians often go to the Gospel of John and the Epistle of 1 John for presumed evidences of the deity of Jesus, it was these two books that showed us that God is one person, and Jesus is God's designated human Messiah (Christ).

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of Him." ~1 John 5:1

How tragic that people who believe that Jesus is God condemn those who believe that Jesus is the **Christ (Messiah)**. They say that unless you believe that Jesus is God, you are "denying Christ". What a strange twist of scripture. The scripture says that "anyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) is born of God..."

This scripture does **NOT** say you are born of God if you believe that Jesus is:

- God
- a God-Man
- co-eternal ("pre-existing") and co-equal to the

God the Father

- of the same substance as God, the Father
- one person of a trinity in a godhead
- God who dressed up in human flesh

These are all human inventions. We should not cling to human inventions (5:21) while abandoning God our Father's revelation of Himself and His testimony that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah). We don't want to call God a liar (5:10) by twisting or distorting what God said, or by claiming God said something He didn't say.

If believing that **Jesus is the Christ (Messiah)** does not mean any of those things listed above, what does it mean?

"Jesus" is the name of the human person, born in Bethlehem. It is not the name of a preexistent person of an eternal godhead (Matt. 1:25, Luke 2:21).

This human Jesus is the **Christ (Messiah)**. Many people seem to think that "Christ" is a title for deity. It most definitely is not. Christ or Messiah is never, never, ever God in the Bible. To make "Christ" a title of deity is a perversion of scripture.

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"Christ" (Hebrew, "Messiah") means "anointed." Grammatically, the word is an adjective with a passive sense. One who is anointed has been acted upon by someone else. The one doing the anointing is not the anointed. In the Bible, God is the Anointer, and the one whom God has anointed is the Christ (the Messiah). The Anointer is not the Anointed.

To be anointed meant to be chosen by God for a specific role or task. The Persian king Cyrus was anointed by God as a Messiah/Christ for the role of restoring God's people to their land (Isa. 45:1). Aaron and his descendants were anointed to serve God as priests (Ex. 28:31; 30:30). The descendants of David were selected, designated, that is, anointed by God (through human agents) to be king (1 Sam. 16:12; 1 Kings 1:34; cf. 1 Sam. 15:1; 2 Kings 9:3). This is the essence of what "Christ/Messiah" means: to be the God-chosen, designated, equipped, human priest and/or king. To believe that Jesus is the Christ means to believe that Jesus is the one anointed by God.

The Christ/Messiah in the Bible can't be God, because it is God who chose and anointed the Christ.

In the Bible, Jesus is the Christ of God, never the Christ who is God.

- "He (Jesus) said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Christ of God.'" (Luke 9:20)
- "But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled" (Acts 3:18).

Son of God or God the Son?

This same human Jesus who is the Christ is the "Son of God" (1 John 5:5), a title which is parallel to, and in many ways synonymous with, "Messiah/Christ" (2 Sam. 7:14; Psa. 2:1-7; 1 Chron. 28:6). "Son of God" does not mean "God the Son". There is no "God the Son" in the Bible. "God the Son" is an invention of the human mind.

Do you love God's child?

The person who believes that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) is a child of God. If you love God, you will love the person, God's child, who believes that Jesus is the Christ. If you do not love that person, or reject that person, or call that person a heretic, the implication is that you do not love the Father (God). Because whoever loves God the Father, loves God's child (1 John 5:1).

Let me repeat that. If you reject as a heretic someone who believes that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah), the implication is that you do not love God, the Father of that person.

To love God's child (the person who believes that Jesus is the Messiah) is a commandment from God (1 John 5:2-3; 3:23).

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Prophecy: Stars and Signs

By Wally Winner

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
(Psalm 19:1-4 ESV)

Ethan Siegel, a theoretical astrophysicist, has estimated that there are over 176 billion galaxies and likely many more yet to be discovered. Multiply that by the number of stars and planets in each of the galaxies and the number is staggering and unimaginable.

And yet God claims dominion over them. He creates them, names them and orders their movement. Which brings us to Matthew 2:2: *"We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship Him."*

What was "His Star"?

It was a genuine event in the skies which captured the attention of the magi, and it was so meaningful that they set out on a journey over desert terrain and into the territory of the Roman army and of King Herod.

It was not uncommon for magi to visit kings. Magi accompanied King Tiridates of Armenia when he paid homage to Nero, but for magi to have visited Jesus, the astronomical sign must have been powerful.

This light must have been something which was temporary, spectacular and only seen by a few people—or even King Herod would have known where to look.

Was this event a comet? A meteor shower? A supernova? Or a possible conjunction of star and planet.

There is an inherent problem here in that comets in ancient times were generally omens of disaster or calamity, hardly in line with the Christmas story.

According to Colin J. Humphreys, Jesus was probably born in 5 B.C., at the time the Chinese recorded a major, new, slow-moving comet, a "sui-hsing," or star with a sweeping tail in the Capricorn region of the sky.

It does not seem is likely that the magi, students of the heavens, would confuse a comet with a star, and we now know from the timing of the death of Herod that Jesus was more likely born between 3-2 B.C.

A New York Times article (based on a National Geographic Channel show on the birth) "What Jesus' Birth May Have Looked Like," cites Dr. John Mosley, from the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, who believes "it was a rare conjunction of Venus and Jupiter on June 17, 2 B.C."

Some maintain that it wasn't a "conjunction" because that doesn't satisfy the gospel description of the star of Bethlehem as a single star, or as one standing over the city, as described by contemporary historians. However, if we understand that what made the star so bright was that there was a conjunction of Jupiter and Regulus making it appear as one star, exceptionally bright, and lasting for a period of time – not to be confused with a comet.

In fact, other evidence does emerge showing just such a conjunction in 3 B.C. of the planet Jupiter (the King Planet) with the star Regulus (The King Star) in the constellation of Leo the Lion – the symbol of the tribe of Judah. This would be consistent with the conception of Jesus.

Further, evidence emerges that there was a conjunction nine months later of the very bright planet Venus and Jupiter near Regulus in June 2. B.C., consistent with the birth of Jesus. This DOUBLE CONJUNCTION would itself be a marvel of the hand of God.

Because the star seems to be stationary over the house ("stood over where the young child was" Matt. 2:9) some conclude it was an angel. It is uncharacteristic of stars.

Frederick (Rick) Larson, on his website www.bethlehem.star.net makes the observation: "The motive of the Magi in coming to Jerusalem tells us a great deal more about them. They wanted to worship a Jewish king. It can't be proven from the text, but it is quite possible that some of the Magi were of Jewish descent, perhaps a Jewish remnant from Daniel's day. This would help explain why a Jewish philosopher, Philo, would admire them, why they were watching the sky for things Jewish, why they wanted to worship a Jewish king, and why they were taken so seriously by Herod and Jewish chief priests. If they were not Jews, then they must have been most impressive magi indeed, as Jews of the time were deeply disdainful of pagans and their beliefs. They were watching the sky for things Jewish and want-

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The Virgin Birth

By the late R.H. Judd

Who is this of whom the scriptures say that he was "declared to be the Son of God with power" (Rom. 1:4)? The Greek word here translated "declared" means more than the bare announcement of some current happening, for it carries the sense that the person spoken of was "marked out" beforehand, predetermined for the high position chosen for him. It is the same word occurring in Acts 17:26, "determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." Verily, Jesus the Christ did not just happen in history! The great part he would take in the affairs of men is given in Genesis 3:15, when the promise was made that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. It is, however, no more than an intimation. Like all Bible prophecies, precision of detail is added from time to time as events and time progress toward the goal. Further prophecies occur in Genesis 12: 7 (referred to by Paul in Gal. 3: 16), Deuteronomy 18: 15, and 2 Samuel 7:12-29. Each of these, in contrast to heathen legends, assigns his origin to human genealogies and relationships, instead of to mythical deities and problematical human personalities. The prophecy of Moses (Deut. 18:15) could hardly be more specific in this respect.

"A Virgin Shall Conceive"

Again we ask, "Who was this man, this foreordained, "marked out" personality?" Not some preexisting deity, as was the custom in heathen lands, but one who, in vision, was already "despised and rejected" (Isa. 53:3) of man, that the power of God might be made manifest. Two Messianic verses in scripture make this abundantly clear. The first is Isaiah 7:14, saying: "Behold, a virgin [R.V. marg., maiden] shall conceive, and bear a son, and thou shalt call his name Immanuel; which being interpreted is God with us." (Cp. Matt. 1:23.) This verse has never been successfully denied as having reference to the Messiah; yet from the human standpoint, no person in Israel was more "despised and rejected" than the person, whoever he might be, who was born out of wedlock. Upon no other, except those condemned to death, was the law in Israel so terrible in its process. Note the following from Deuteronomy 23:2, "A bastard shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah; even to the tenth generation shall none of his enter into the assembly of Jehovah" (R.V.). Here surely, in the plainest of language, is shown God's hatred of the sin of misusing the gift of life committed to man.

That Joseph was not the father of Jesus is proved by his intention to divorce his wife, for such she was in the eyes of the law. (Matt. 1:20.) Let us seek further, for if the story of the virgin birth of Jesus is not true, then a stain is laid upon Mary that can never be

purged, for some other man must have been the father of her son. Who, then, was this other man? Neither history, legend, nor suspicion has ever yet throughout the centuries given voice to his name. What, then, are the resulting issues, if the virgin birth is untrue? They are beyond computation, for if the one who is proclaimed as the Saviour of men (Matt. 1 :21) is himself the son of an unknown father, he is already condemned to be shut out of the assembly of the Lord, as conceived in sin and born in sin. Deny the virgin birth, and the very foundations of Christianity collapse, and there is left in the hands of the unbeliever one of the most cogent weapons – ridicule and slander – that this world has ever known and used.

A New Thing

Jeremiah 31:22 is not so generally quoted as having reference to the virgin birth, but, when closely studied, it will be found to be equally as emphatic as Isaiah 7: 14. It reads, "The LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass [R.V., encompass] a man." If it means only that a woman shall be a prospective mother and give birth to a son, there is nothing new in the fact. If it means what Leeser's Version and The Complete Bible (S.&G.) make it mean, namely, merely a change of custom, that instead of the man seeking the wife, the woman will woo the husband, then again we say there is nothing new on the earth. These things have happened, still happen, and will happen again.

What, then, is the new thing to which the Lord points? Solomon said, "There is nothing new under the sun." Was Jehovah mistaken? Indeed no! Let us see. The Hebrew word translated "woman" in this verse is *neqebah* (a female), the same word as is used in Leviticus 12:5 and translated "a maid child." Thus, the woman in this verse is a virgin. One serious part of the inquiry is that it leads to the conclusion that both the translators referred to, failing to understand the real import of the passage, have, perhaps unintentionally, left the path of the translator for that of the interpreter, and have substituted the words "woo" and "seek for" in place of the word "encompass" which is the rendering of the Authorized Version, the Revised Version, the American Revised Version, and Young's Analytical Concordance. Further, Leeser's Translation gives the word "husband" where all other translations, that we know, correctly give the word "man." The Hebrew word *geber* is never translated "husband" in scripture. Young's Concordance gives the meaning as "a (mighty) man."

Putting all these facts together, it becomes clear
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that in the main, the sense of the verse is the same as that of Isaiah 7:14, namely, that a maiden, or virgin, shall bear a son, and that son shall be a mighty man in the earth. Surely, the prophecy has been abundantly fulfilled, for no name on earth has equaled the name of Jesus the Christ. It is also in agreement with Isaiah 9:6, where the phrase "mighty God" in the common translation may be, according to Gesenius, quite properly rendered "strength of God." It agrees with Paul's words, "Christ the power ... and ... wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24).

It is sometimes said that while the story of the virgin birth is contained in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, it is not mentioned in the gospels of Mark and John. The objectors, however, have overlooked two remarkable features: 1) that Matthew wrote for the Jews, and, therefore, because of their strong Mosaic objection to anything irregular in marital relations, he would be exceedingly reticent to disclose the story unless strongly convinced of its veracity; and 2) Luke, being a physician (probably of note), would be in similar position from a professional point of view.

There is, moreover, reasonable evidence that both Mark and John make unmistakable reference to such an event. Mark starts out with the bold assertion: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." In the italicized words there is certainly an allusion to a manner of entrance into life that is not normal, for, had Mark been writing of the birth of any other person, no such expression would have been made.

Virgin Birth in John's Gospel

Now, let us consider John's Gospel. Coming to John 1:13, we have at least two remarkable facts. Quoting from the commonly received King James Version, we read, "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Reference to the margin (R.V.) reveals that "blood" should be stated in the plural, as it is in the Greek, for Christ was not born of "bloods," namely of both parents, but of one only. We are informed that some "early writers used the expression the double blood, believing that the blood of both parents was necessary for natural birth." The Authorized Version makes verse 13 to have reference to those who believe on his name. There are, however, strong reasons for believing that the verse should read: "Who was born, not of bloods"; namely, the one on whom they believed was so born. This rendering of the verse is preferred by Griesbach, Zahn, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, and the Codex Veronicus, and is called attention to by the Emphatic Diaglott. Thus rendered, John made very definite reference to the virgin birth.

It is of further interest to note that the negative aspect is repeated three or four times in the verse, as though John desired to dispel all doubt on the matter.

Yet another interesting fact is that the word for man in verse 13 is different from that of verse 9, but is the same as in 1 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:24; 25; and 1 Timothy 3:2. The word in verse 9 is *anthropos*, "a man, a human being"; that of verse 13 is *aner*, "a man, a husband." The use of these two differentiating Greek words by John in the same chapter is equivalent to specific denial by John that Jesus the Christ was born of a human father. (See Weymouth.)

Other Virgin Births?

With reference to claims made that other religions had (supposedly) virgin births, and that Christianity has probably borrowed from them, we assert that no such parallel exists. The claim has been made that Krishna was born of a chaste virgin named Devaki. What are the facts? Krishna was the eighth son of his mother. Dr. Tisdale, noted orientalist, is authority for the information. Buddha is next brought forward as an instance of virgin birth. Again we quote from Dr. Tisdale: "The writings which deal with the miraculous incarnation of Buddha are of late date, and belong to several hundred years after the introduction of Christianity." That surely disposes of the false claims made that Christianity borrowed from Buddhism. The same authority says, "As the mother of Buddha was married at the latest when about twelve years of age, and had (when Buddha was born) been living with her husband some thirty-three years, it is hardly necessary to consider the question of Buddha's virgin birth any longer."

We call attention to just one more instance. The Egyptian god Horus, born of Isis, is frequently quoted with the objective of discrediting Christianity. Osiris and Isis were brother and sister, and, according to ancient Egyptian practice, they were also husband and wife. Osiris was put to death, and his members scattered. When the parts became united, he became united to Isis, and Horus was born. So, it is after this manner that the heathen legends of virgin birth have come to be.

The Writer's Testimony

The present writer believes in the virgin birth of Jesus the Christ. All the evangelists tell the story simply without dissimulation. As previously called to attention, such precise details of the language they employed could not have been the result of collusion, for these often hang upon the special use of a

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Stars and Signs

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ed to worship a Jewish king." This was not something Herod was doing.

In fact, Herod's men MAY have seen the starry phenomenon, but his court didn't associate it with a Messiah. They weren't looking for this until the magi pointed it out. Perhaps if they did see the phenomenon, they associated it with Rome's Emperor Caesar Augustus.

If their observations were defined by biblical passages, which ones? Perhaps it was the prophecy of Balaam in Numbers 24:17-19. There is even an ancient tradition that Balaam, the notorious prophet from Mesopotamia, was an early member of the magi, perhaps even their founder. If so, this fact would at least partially explain why the magi at the time of Christ were aware that a special star would be used by God to announce the Savior's birth to this world. It was Balaam's prophecy that spoke of this future star.

Whatever the indication was that caused the discernment, excitement and motivation of the magi, they not only were looking for the sign, they were able to recognize it when it occurred.

I wonder if we are as watchful of the prophetic times. Do we have any opinion based on OUR OWN STUDY of some of the sign topics?

Will the city of Babylon become a world power again? If not, what does the references to Babylon mean? Can we look forward to a person who fits the bill as "antichrist", or is it a religious thinking that is already here? If it is a person, can we determine his heritage as Jewish, Assyrian or will he arise from some European nation? Will Damascus really be destroyed or has the scriptures about its destruction been satisfied? Does the Bible really suggest a coming Temple in Jerusalem? Are Daniel's 70 weeks fulfilled, or is there a week left to be completed? Is most of the book of Revelation historically complete, or is it largely a "things to come" book? Will there be star signs again?

There are many more possible topics. Are you a student of the end times?

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. (1 Thess. 5:4-6)

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particular Greek word. These are of such a nature that nothing but inspiration can account for the phenomena.

Thus, a new mode of existence required a new foundation. The scriptures bear testimony that a new mode of existence was predicted for the sons of God in Christ Jesus, and that it was provided for in the prophecy and the promise contained in Jeremiah 31:22. The scriptures also inform us that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

In the East, it is generally the father of the newborn child who gives voice to rejoicing, and on occasion will even burst into song. In this instance, however, it is Zacharias who sings, while Joseph is silent, and Mary does the rejoicing. Had Joseph been the actual father of the child, he too would have sung, specially in the case of the firstborn. (Matt. 1:25; Luke 2:7.)

In Matthew 1:23 it reads: "A virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son." But in Luke, when recording the birth of John the Baptist, it is said, "Thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son," which is in accord with custom to attribute the birth to the father. The word "thee" is omitted in the case of Joseph, which is circumstantial proof that Joseph did not have the relationship of being the actual father.

Now, just a word to those who lean upon "science" as they lean upon a staff! Most objections to the Bible story of the virgin birth are founded on the supposed supernatural impossibility of such an event; in other words, that it is a "scientific impossibility."

Speaking for himself, the writer believes in the virgin birth of Jesus the Christ as an absolute necessity. He believes that it was long predicted, a fact which is in itself miraculous and unique in history. There have been, on the other hand, men of learning such as Professor Huxley and Professor Romanes who affirmed that so far as "science" is concerned, parthenogenesis is not impossible. The latter professor says, "Even if a virgin has ever conceived and borne a son, and if such a fact in the human species has been unique, it would not betoken any breach of physiological continuity." It would thus appear that the Almighty has brought about the true virgin birth, not only for the purposes to which we have already called attention, but to show by contrast the utter falseness of the claims of heathen mythology, and of those who seek to oppose his Word.

RH

This is an excerpt from the book "One God: The God of the Ages," by R.H. Judd. Available through Atlanta Bible College.

Christian Workers Seminar 2020

May 3-8, 2020

Theme: Released

- *To think*
- *To create*
- *To inspire*
- *To dream*
- *To serve*

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Bring the strength of Atlanta Bible College directly to the people of your church. Take advantage of Atlanta Bible College's online, live instruction to help train and develop your local church members for ministry that will serve your congregation. Atlanta Bible College is looking to invest in churches across the country by providing invaluable resources to those who desire to be further equipped.

THE RESTITUTION HERALD and THE PROGRESS JOURNAL in 2020

Beginning next year, we are planning to separate THE RESTITUTION HERALD (RH) from THE PROGRESS JOURNAL (PJ). Both of them will still be published quarterly, but separately. THE PROGRESS JOURNAL will continue to have "in-house" information pertaining to the General Conference, Atlanta Bible College, church news, and related events. THE RESTITUTION HERALD will return to a focus on biblically-based articles focused on (but not limited solely to) the Church of God's core doctrinal beliefs such as the oneness of God, baptism by immersion, the kingdom of God on earth, conditional immortality, and the restoration of Israel.

Additionally, we own www.RestitutionHerald.com and we are planning to launch a dedicated website next year that will house all current, future, and potentially past Restitution Herald content as individual articles. This will allow people to more easily search, link, re-post, and otherwise share great material put out by Church of God believers. New material will be published as authors provide it, and future Restitution Heralds will be produced using the most recent (i.e. newest) articles from the website for those who prefer printed copies.

Good News from COG-Land

From the **Lawrenceville Church of God in Springfield, OH** – **Pastor Alan Cain**, in behalf of the whole church, sends out a massive thank you to all of the amazing VBS staff for “loving and investing Jesus into the students that were here! Thank you! My thanks to **Mary Massie** for another great VBS!” “I Know Where You Live” was the name of a concert tour that came to the church June 30. It was a unique storytelling experience for two Nashville bands – Rob Fischer and Brave Holiday. Rob Fischer told stories through memorable lyrics and melodies. The multimedia experience was designed to show what “home” really is and to draw people into a relationship with Jesus through storytelling, video, and original music.

From the **Bethel Church of God in Pelzer, SC** – Congratulations to **Pastor Wally Winner** for being recognized for his 50 years of ministry during the 2019 General Conference held at **Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, SC**. Further congratulations go out to this year’s Mother of the Year **Barbara Henderson** and this year’s Father of the Year **Steven Henderson**.

From the **Ripley Church of God in Mt. Sterling, IL** – David Dyer blessed the congregation with a special in song during October. Thank you, Dave, for sharing your gift. Pastor **Ed Bender** visited the church in October, presenting a Saturday Bible study and the Sunday morning message. Sunday’s topic was “What’s Going On In the World Today?” All who attended the Saturday Bible study were treated to a wiener roast.

From the **Cool Spring Church of God in Browntown, VA** – Four young men attended FUEL in July – **Joshua Braden, James, Jordan, and Josiah Fletcher**. Joshua and James participated in Youth Bible Quizzing while at FUEL. The church hosted a one-day VBS with a western theme on July 20. In October the church enjoyed a fall festival, everyone enjoying the beautiful Shenandoah Valley with a hayride. The church has tried to help the community and its high poverty rate by providing thermal coats, detergent for washing clothes, and a backpack program for food for the underserved and their families.

From the **Bethel Church of God in Pelzer, SC** – During the months of August and October, food was collected for the local food pantry. In September, items were collected for Clothes Closet at the elementary and middle schools. For November and December, blankets and various winter apparel were collected, and 69 shoe boxes were put together for Operation Christmas Child. Congratulations to the winners of the soup contest at the church fall festival: **Allison Sisk, Lynn Strickland, and Mandy Hood**.

Pastor Wally Winner and the church are thankful for the ladies recognized as Breast Cancer Survivor on Pink Sunday: **Sonja Smith, Judy Turner, Revonda Lippert, and Renee Harp**. Veterans recognized were **Michael Gentile, Ansel Guthrie, Steve Riddle, David Sloan, and Jim Turner**. All veterans were honored with a lunch outing. Congratulations also go out to **Codie Sloan** for receiving the 2019 North and South Carolina T.V. News Photographer of the Year award. [Super achievement! – GNP]

Graduation Congratulations – **Kelly Thompson and Cameron Landry** (both from high school) (**Pine Grove Bible Church in Brooklyn Park, MN**); **Jake Ballard** (Bethel Seminary); **Nichole Harper** (Stillman Valley HS) (**Oregon Church of God in Oregon, IL**); **Katie Beth Fletcher** (associate’s degree from Atlanta Bible College); and **Megan Buckman** (University of West Virginia).

From the **Birthday and Anniversary Department** – **Colleen Shaw** turned 85 on June 21st, **Jeanne Smith** turned 96 on July 8th, **Gaynell Hicks** turned 80 on October 18th, and **Barbara Keplinger** turned 80 on July 26th (all from Bethel COG); **June Hendrickson** turned 80 (Oregon COG); **Jim Shaul** had a recent birthday (GNP doesn’t know the number or the date) (**Pelzer COG**); **Lester Hollenback** turned 97 on August 24th (Oregon COG, in that he’s Linda Hoffman’s father). Anniversary congratulations go out to: **Russ and Joyce Magaw** (60 years in August), to **Barney and Betty Owens** (59 years on July 3rd), **Edward and Faye McCullough** (52 years on September 15th), and **Joe and Earlene Mabrey** (58 years on November 17th), (all from Bethel COG), and to **John and Carmin Delathouder** (50 years) (Cool Springs COG). Congratulations to all for another marvelous milestone. - GNP

From the **GNP desk** – Remember to send in the names of your milestone anniversary or birthday people. We want to celebrate the milestones along with them, and we want everyone in COG-Land to know about it. **[PLEASE help us out! – GNP]**

Hey, there COGLand! GNP wants to hear what YOUR good news is! We know there’s good news everywhere, so send us e-mails, bulletins, phone calls, etc. to tell us your good news. PLEASE SEND YOUR GOOD NEWS TO (rjones @atlantabiblecollege.com), and we’ll put you in print!

Robert L. Jones

Church News

Baptisms

Virginia

Browntown—Carmin Delathouder (9/8/19) by Jeff Fletcher

Weddings

New York

Latham—Jacob Rohrer and Andrea Pigliavento, (7/11/19) by Alan Cain

Minnesota

Richmond—Todd Pursel and Mindy Forcier, (10/5/19) by Vivian E. Kirkpatrick

Deaths

Arizona

Tempe—Hugh Harman, 84, (11/6/19) by Steve Taylor. He served on the staff of Oregon Bible College and the Church of God General Conference from 1974 to 1984. In addition to his duties as Youth Director for the conference, he was appointed as Dean of Students in 1975 and in the fall of 1976, Hugh and his wife Mary moved into the women's apartment building to serve as dorm parents for the women students. They served in these college positions until moving to Arizona in the fall of 1978. Hugh continued to serve as a part-time youth director through the summer of 1984. Hugh was elected to the Board of Directors of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference in 2004 and served until 2008.



Iowa

Koszta—Arlene Cronbaugh, 91, (10/19/19). She was a long-time member.

Nebraska

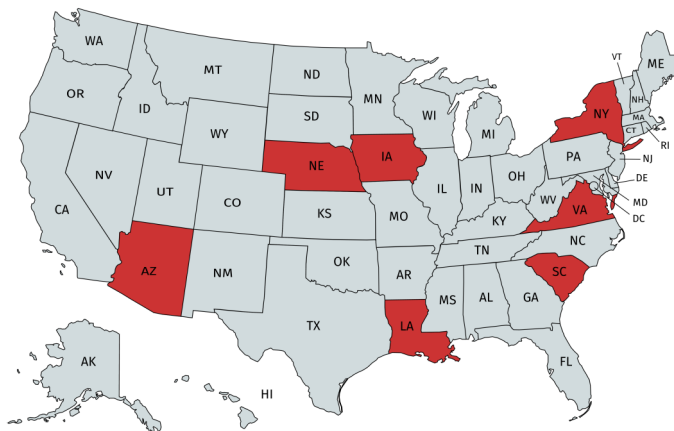
Deshler—Dixie Wharton, 85, (7/29/19). She was a former member of the Cashmere, WA church.

South Carolina

Pelzer—David Martin, 76, (10/26/19) by Wally Winner. He was a long-time member.

Virginia

Fort Valley—Lorraine Boyer Zirkle, 91, (12/6/18) by Chris Seiders. She was a life-long member.



States where these baptisms, weddings, and deaths took place

Church Classifieds

Wenatchee, WA—Pastor

Pastor Robin Todd has resigned as pastor of the Wenatchee, Washington Church, effective in April. So the church is seeking a part-time pastor. For additional information, please contact elder Jay Brossard at 509-470-6603.

Michigantown, IN—Pastor

Country Chapel Church of God located near Michigantown, IN, is seeking a pastor. We are a very small congregation and would like to secure a part-time minister. We could possibly share a pastor with another church.

We've always supported a full-time pastor. Although our small group of believers is currently struggling, we do hope to grow in the future. Our previous full-time pastor retired April 1, 2018. Our prayer is that God will send us the right person to supply our needs.

Please contact Norm Huffer 765-249-2190 or Tom Glassburn 765-419-2606.

Bristow, OK—Pastor

Bristow Advent Christian Church is seeking a pastor. "The mission of the Bristow Advent Christian Church is to bring people into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to disciple them by the spiritual application of biblical principles in daily living."

They have provided key documents if interested: job description, church mission statement, and Bristow, OK demographic information. These can be sent upon request.

Inquiries should be directed to either of the following: Jack Smith is board chairman, 918-688-1891
Kristi VanOrsdol is secretary, 918-645-8461

Any questions or referrals should go to them.

Atlanta Bible College Student Profiles

Name: Mason Landry
 Age: 20
 Hometown:
 Ramsey, MN
 Home Church:
 Pine Grove Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I chose to attend Atlanta Bible College to achieve my Bachelors of Theology after completing my two year degree at a local technical college in Minnesota. I knew I wanted my four-year degree, but I couldn't decide on a school or major. After some prayer and consideration, I decided to attend the Bible college. I also knew it would be a positive environment to grow closer to God with other like-minded students.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? At this point I don't know what area of ministry God is calling me to, and that's partly why I'm at the Bible college.

Name: Isaac Cain
 Age: 21
 Hometown:
 Springfield, OH
 Home Church: Lawrenceville Church of God



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I chose to attend ABC because this is the perfect place to prepare me for my future direction in life. I chose ABC because this is a wonderful place to build lasting relationships with fellow believers. I chose ABC to pursue God's call in my life.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? After ABC, I want to love the people around me, speak God's words, and lead a church towards kingdom work. I want to be a pastor.

Fun Fact: I have spent way too much time becoming proficient in beatboxing!

Name: Jeremiah Smead
 Age: 19
 Hometown:
 Eden Valley, MN
 Home Church:
 Pine Grove Bible Church

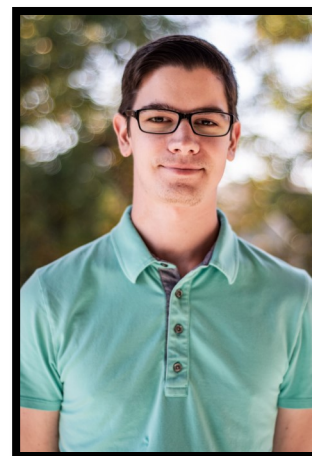


Why did you choose to attend ABC? I was going through a pretty bad bout of depression when Fuel came this past year. While I was there, I heard John Win-capaw speak on loneliness, and on finding what God wants for you in your life. And I realized that I didn't know. So I went to the Bible college in the hopes of finding and understanding God, so that I can fulfill his wishes in the world.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? I feel like I'm called to music. I'm not sure if it's possible to show God through a bunch of drums, but, if it is, then I'm going to do it.

Fun Fact: I have very strong opinions about Japanese cartoons, and could very easily talk your ear off for hours on end.

Name: Liam Johnson
 Age: 20
 Hometown:
 Brooklyn Park, MN
 Home Church:
 Pine Grove Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I was bored, and I wanted classes. All my friends are down here. The timing felt right.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? The ministry I feel the most called to is in audio tech for worship services. It is one of the few things that I can do no matter what mood I'm in without grumbling.

Fun Fact: I don't know, I'm pretty good at table tennis, I guess? I still need to improve a lot though.

Atlanta Bible College Student Profiles

Name: Stefan Swanson
 Age: 58
 Hometown:
 Cleveland, OH
 Home Church:
 Cornerstone Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? In 2012, I lost my job of seven years. Before my pick-up truck engine went out, I would do work out of a staffing agency. One day I was coming down Avalon Parkway, the street the college is located on, and I noticed the building with the sign that said Atlanta Bible College. I said, "I did not know that there was a Bible college here," and I thought no more of it. I continued to Kroger to cash a check of seventy-nine dollars. It had been a while since I had that much money.

I thought, "Well, at least I have my truck to live in. Me, myself, and I will get us back on our feet." When I lost my job in February 2012, a friend and his wife said to me, "Stefan, you can sign up for food assistance and disability." I was eligible, since I was diagnosed with COPD in 1998.

I lost my truck in February 2015. Suddenly I was truck-less and homeless. No truck. No work. I was sleeping in a tent in the woods. A traveler I had met in a Walmart parking lot said to me, "A closed mouth does not get fed." I had no money and no way of getting any. I had a disability that required an inhaler that cost \$65 every two weeks, or I would die.

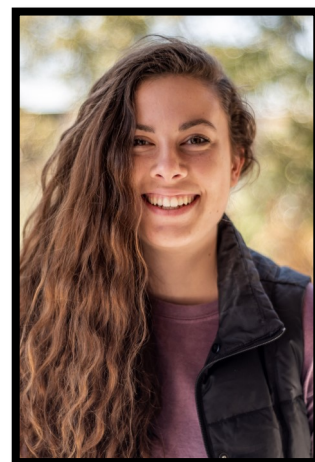
So I stood on the off ramp of I-75 south and held a cardboard sign that said, "Disabled. Need a little help, please. God bless you!" Here is a place I had never been before in my life. I finally submitted to the will of God, "God! I cannot do this without you."

I got a call about my disability. I received 100% disability, and I got a check for \$3500 deposited into a new account for me. I bought new clothes, a car, got a motel room, and a laptop. Now I am looking for a place to live, and the Spirit of the Lord said to me, "Close that laptop. You are going to Atlanta Bible College." That is what has brought me to Atlanta Bible College... God!

Four years later, I am a man with his Foundation Certificate and an Associate's Degree. In May of 2021, I will be a man that will receive his Bachelor of Theology from Atlanta Bible College.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? I have had the pleasure of doing summer ministry experiences in Minnesota, Ohio, and Louisiana churches in pastoral ministry and youth ministry. Just as God had put it on my heart to go to the Bible college, I feel that God is giving me the heart and desire once again, along with His word, to assist a pastor in teaching God's unchurched youth in the community from an area that has been forgotten by the church. And I hope to work with the pastor to help facilitate the Spirit and truth of God's promise to all of His people and to people who just need someone to care for their lives.

Name: Katelyn Hawkins
 Age: 19
 Hometown:
 Holton, MI
 Home Church:
 North Kent Bible Church



Why did you choose to attend ABC? I had thought about the possibility of coming to ABC since 2016, but it wasn't until last summer that I finally made the decision to come down. I wasn't sure why or what it would lead to, however, I knew God was calling me here.

What kind of ministry do you feel (at this point) God is leading you to in the future? I am still not sure where exactly God is calling me in ministry. I do know that I have a heart for the people who do not know God, and ultimately want to grow the church.

Fun Fact: I have been riding horses since I was 8, but the first time I ever fell off was when I was 17; that was when a horse ran me into a tree.



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2020 THE BIBLE AND PROPHECY CONFERENCE MARCH 13-15 CONWAY, AR

Conference Location: Hilton Garden Inn 805 S Amity Rd. Conway AR 501-329-1444

Friday, March 13

3:00PM Registration Open
6:00PM **Session 1:** Dr Joe Martin
6:45PM Break
7:00 PM **Session 2:** Cathy Cunningham

Saturday, March 14

9:00AM **Session 3:** Sir Anthony Buzzard
9:45AM Break
10:00AM **Session 4:** Joel Hemphill
10:45AM Break
11:00AM **Session 5:** Dr Dale Tuggy
11:45AM Break for Lunch (There are several restaurants within walking distance)
1:30PM **Session 6:** Cathy Cunningham
2:15PM Break
2:30 PM **Session 7:** Executive Director Seth Ross
3:15 PM Break
3:30PM **Session 8:** Pastor Dan Gill
4:15PM Break until Dinner
5:30PM Banquet Dinner in the Ball Room
(Included with Registration Fee) Special music with Joel & Christy Hemphill
7:00PM **Session 9:** Dr. Joe Martin

Sunday, March 15

(Events will move to McGintytown Church of God 509 Hwy 225 E. Greenbrier, AR 72058)
9:00 AM **Session 10:** Early Bird Bible Study with Sir Anthony Buzzard
10:00AM **Session 11:** Dr Dale Tuggy
11:00AM **Session 12:** Dr Joe Martin
12:00PM Lunch provided by the McGintytown Church of God

Sponsored by the Arkansas State Conference and the McGintytown Church of God

For more information contact: Pastor Tom New 501-581-5505 tnew@cyberback.com

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CONFERENCE FEES

1. Registration Fees Includes all Seminar Sessions, Materials and 2 Meals (1 Dinner Banquet and Sunday Lunch at McGintytown Church of God). Breakfasts and Lunch on Saturday are not covered with your registration.

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE: **BEFORE/ON FEBRUARY 15** **AFTER FEBRUARY 15**
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PAYMENT METHOD Cash or check is accepted. Please make all checks out to: **McGintytown Church of God**

Please mail registration form with payment to: Tom New/ BIBLE PROPHECY CONFERENCE 29 Sheila Dr., Greenbrier, AR 72058
For questions or more information call or email: Pastor Tom New (501) 581-5505 tnew@cyberback.com

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PLEASE NOTE: The registration fee for the Arkansas Bible Prophecy Conference DOES NOT include lodging. You must arrange lodging by contacting the Hilton Garden Inn directly or contacting one of the other local hotels. We have reserved 10 rooms at this date for \$99 each which includes breakfast if you let the Hilton know that you are with the group. Let us know, so if rooms are available we can get them at that price.

Other Hotels in the Area: Country Inn & Suites (with free complimentary breakfast) is located just across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn, 750 S Amity Rd Conway AR 501-932-0500. Some rates through Expedia and other sources may be cheaper.

Next Exit Lodging: Fairfield Inn & Suites 2260 Sanders Rd Conway AR 501-505-8034
 Comfort Inn 705 Museum Rd Conway AR 501-329-8548
 Holiday Inn Express 2330 Sanders Rd Conway AR 501-513-4989.

There are several hotels in the area, and you may save by going through an online travel service such as Orbitz or Hotels.com.

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Praise God for your pastor and/or elders and the ministry of your church.**
- 2 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and a new earth in His coming kingdom.
- 3 **Pray for a personal hunger to know God and Jesus better.**
- 4 Pray for the Restitution Church in Eldorado, Illinois.
- 5 **Praise God for your church family and the strength that you receive through it.**
- 6 Pray for the Open Bible Church of God in Springfield, Missouri.
- 7 **Pray for a church planting vision for Church of God members.**
- 8 Pray for the vision for Africa mission work.
- 9 **Pray for the youth of your local church.**
- 10 Praise God for those who are preparing for ministry.
- 11 **Pray for Seth Ross, College President & Conference Executive Director.**
- 12 Pray for the Eden Valley, Minnesota congregation.
- 13 **Pray for the financial needs of the Church of God General Conference.**
- 14 Praise God for new contacts who are seeking the truth around the world.
- 15 **Pray for the ministry of the Pakistan churches affiliated with the Church of God General Conference.**
- 16 Pray for Pastor Chris and Jennifer Seiders and the Fort Valley, Virginia church.
- 17 **Pray for the work being done in India to proclaim God's truth.**
- 18 Pray for Atlanta Bible College students as they continue studying this fall semester.
- 19 **Pray for all of the college/conference staff as they serve us each day.**
- 20 Pray for John and Lila Wincapaw and the Blood River Church in Springfield, Louisiana.
- 21 **Pray for the pastor spouses and the ministry they personally have.**
- 22 Ask God to help you love Him and His Son more.
- 23 **Pray for Pastor Steve and Jill Taylor and the Lakeshore Bible Church in Tempe, Arizona.**
- 24 Pray for Pastor Lynne Berry and the Blanchard, Michigan church.
- 25 **Pray for the ministry of the ABC Korean Extension in reaching students in the Johns Creek, Georgia.**
- 26 Pray for Pastor Jon and Rene Welch and the Grace Fellowship Church in Front Royal, Virginia.
- 27 **Praise God for Joe & Rebekah Martin and their ongoing missions ministry.**
- 28 Pray for the Fair Oaks Community Church in Herndon, VA.
- 29 **Pray for Pastor David & Wanda Cheatwood and the Hedrick, Indiana church.**
- 30 Praise God for His constant care.
- 31 **Pray for God to send workers into the fields that are ready for harvest.**

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Pray for Pastor Jeff and Terri Moore and the St. Cloud, MN Church and House Light Ministries.**
- 2 Pray for our Isolated Member Ministry (IMM).
- 3 **Praise God for the board of directors who willingly serve the Church of God.**
- 4 Pray for Pastor Robin Todd's work at the Wenatchee, WA church.
- 5 **Pray for Lupe Badillo as she continues to minister in Labor Vieja, Mexico.**
- 6 Pray for expanding publishing opportunities for the General Conference to spread kingdom truth.
- 7 **Pray that God will raise up workers to serve in mission fields in other lands.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor Andy and Kristy Cisneros and Guthrie Grove Church of God.
- 9 **Praise God for His holiness and truthfulness.**
- 10 Pray for Rick McClain and the work of the Lord's Harvest International mission board.
- 11 **Pray for a spirit of unity throughout the Church of God.**
- 12 Praise God for baptisms in our churches.
- 13 **Pray for Pastor Wade and Kim Tierney and the Morse Mill, MO Church.**
- 14 Pray for the Ministerial Recognition Board as they encourage our pastors.
- 15 **Pray for the pastors in Pakistan who minister under very difficult circumstances.**
- 16 Pray for believers in central Oklahoma.
- 17 **Pray for God to provide you with "thankful" eyes this month.**
- 18 Pray for the boldness you need to share Christ with an unbelieving friend.
- 19 **Pray for college/conference youth events being planned for 2020.**
- 20 Pray for the outreach efforts of your local congregation.
- 21 **Praise God for a blessing He provided in your life yesterday.**
- 22 Praise God for His daily blessings of shelter, food, family, and friends.
- 23 **Pray for an individual you know who does not have hope of eternal life.**
- 24 Praise God for His goodness in your life.
- 25 **Pray for Pastor Bill and Lacey Dunn and the Garden Park Church in Kentwood, MI.**
- 26 Pray for the churches within your state or regional conference.
- 27 **Pray for God's blessings on new students for the Atlanta Bible College winter/spring semester.**
- 28 Pray for the opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 29 **Pray God for the leadership of your local congregation.**
- 30 Pray for new contacts through the distribution of literature and our website.

A month of prayer items

- 1 **Pray for Pastor Jason and Marcee Turner and Beloit New Life, WI church.**
- 2 Praise God for those who lead worship at your church.
- 3 **Pray for our missionaries all over the world.**
- 4 Pray for Pastor Jeff and Karen Fletcher and the Cool Spring Church in Browntown, VA.
- 5 **Pray for North Hills Church in Springfield, OH as they transition to a new pastor Kyle McClain and his wife Jamie.**
- 6 Pray for vision for the Lord's Harvest International Board.
- 7 **Praise God for the dedicated service of the staff for our college and conference.**
- 8 Praise God for the promise that Jesus will come a second time.
- 9 **Pray for Pastor Richard and Jan Alcumbrack and the Southlawn Church in Wyoming, MI.**
- 10 Pray for Atlanta Bible College graduates serving in pastoral internships and are preparing for what God has next for them.
- 11 **Praise God for the ministries of your local church.**
- 12 Pray that God would lead you in the way of righteousness.
- 13 **Pray for those who are leading the work in the Philippine Islands.**
- 14 Pray for Dr. Brian Atra and his work with the Fredericktown Church in Fredericktown, MO.
- 15 **Pray for your next door neighbor(s) today.**
- 16 Pray for Pastor Mark Jones and the Higher Ground Church in White House, TN.
- 17 **Pray for Jason Brown as he leads Clark Chapel Church in Magazine, AR.**
- 18 Thank God for His goodness to you.
- 19 **Pray for the Focus on the Kingdom ministry as it shares God's truth throughout the world.**
- 20 Pray for the Korean Church that meets on the ABCKE campus in Johns Creek, GA .
- 21 **Pray for an individual you know who has not accepted Christ.**
- 22 Pray for the pastors serving God in Pakistan.
- 23 **Pray for ABC instructor Bob Jones.**
- 24 Pray for encouragement for those separated relationally from family and friends.
- 25 **Praise God for the gift of His Son, Jesus.**
- 26 Pray for preparations for the new semester at ABC that will begin after the first of the year.
- 27 **Pray for Pastor Bob and Susan Collier and the North Salem, IN Church.**
- 28 Pray for the work of local workers in Malawi and Mozambique.
- 29 **Pray for understanding for those around the world who are taking the Systematic Bible Study Course in print and online.**
- 30 Pray for revival throughout the Church of God in the coming year.
- 31 **Praise God for the way He has blessed you this past year.**

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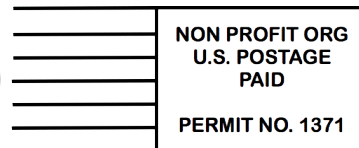
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